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Aris, Brazilians
banned for this

I don't particularly like gloating (well, no more than the next man) — but I am not the least bit surprised about the collapse of the "November Tournament."

If you recall, it was in these columns some months ago that I made the exclusive prediction that Poland would not be able to send a team — in the middle of their season.

More recently, I expressed my sincere doubts about the value of our present "World Cup Subcommittee" and their practical knowledge of international affairs.

So the gloating is in order. They've botched the tournament — and the whole year.

Why the ASF manically persists with this pre-historic body is a mystery. Well, not really a mystery: it builds the self-importance of some people to dabble into matters which look glamorous, important — and of which they know practically nothing.

Now it seems certain that our whole international program this year will end without further matches at home.

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane had one game apiece against what the British Press labelled as their B-side; that was the big program the Subcommittee worked out.

Let me repeat for emphasis: Sydney, for example, had one international match in 1983, 90 minutes of soccer during which not one goal fell.

And they talk to us about "entertaining the public..."

And yet... when earlier this year St. George wanted to bring out an ace Brazilian team — at their own risk and expense — they were curiously told by the ASF that it was a no-no as it would interfere with a heavy international program.

Proposed tours by Aris and Boavista also were barred for that one match in June...

I respect the right of West Nally to exercise a strong influence on the ASF's international commitments; after all, they are pouring big money into the ASF coffers.

But I doubt if they will get value for their dollars as long as they deal with the top-heavy, highly bureaucratized and, in international affairs, semi-literate ASF.

The most stunning part of the announced cancellation of the November tournament was the admission that "Sydney would have no suitable grounds... as the SCG will be used for cricket."

Cricket didn't book the SCG last week or even last month. Didn't the ASF know this before? Don't they even make a phone call the check ground availability when they make their plans?

Apparently not. Oh, my God! Any hope for soccer?

In view of this well-publicised non-event, it's hardly surprising that the ASF will turn the position of national coach into a part-time job.

Some months ago, again in these columns, I strongly advocated just that. Maybe they would have done it anyway; maybe not. The ASF, like the Vatican, does not divulge its motivations and hardly ever shows any reaction to Press suggestions or criticism.

There can be no doubt that Les Scheinflug, one of our most experienced senior coaches, is wasting his time as a full-time coach.

In May he took the youth team to Mexico for three games — and in December he may take the national side to Singapore. (Frank Ark was in charge of the team against England.)

That program, surely, is an insult to an ambitious and energetic man at the peak of his coaching career. His vast experience will be much better utilised with a club.

For a lightweight international program like this, no sane nation would keep a full-time coach — not with our limited resources, anyway.

With an infinitely more crammed program in 1973, we reached the World Cup finals — under a part-time coach, Rale Rasic.

Four years earlier, again in a World Cup campaign, we globe-trotted around the world from Seoul to Mozambique to Tel Aviv via Rome — under part-time coach Joe Visis.

Those years the ASF was more stable and financially stronger; now with the game clearly in a crisis, we luxuriate with a full-time coach who is not given nearly enough to do. Let's be grateful, really, that they haven't thought of making the World Cup sub-committee full-time, too...

Howard Tredinnick of Newcastle will be in the National Cup in Singapore in December, and Peter Lewis (Ajax), Doug Brown (Hellas) and Suleiman Curovic (J.U.S.T) are "dark horses".

The Merlion Cup is the only assignment that remains this year for the Socceros, as a proposed four-nation tournament against Uruguay, Cameroon and Poland was called off last week.

The tournament at first was to be replaced by a three-match tour by Uruguay, but that has fallen through as well.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre said that the ASF's sponsor, West Nally, had been unable to raise enough money in advertising pledges and TV rights to underwrite either a tournament or the Uruguay tour.

However, Australia may play against New Zealand home and away early next year.

Meanwhile, national coach Les Scheinflug is worried by the five or six-week gap between the end of the NSL season and the start of the Merlion Cup in December.

"Only the four teams left in the Cup — Hellas, Marconi, Heidelberg and Olympic — will have an extended season," he said.



Howard Tredinnick



Tommy Cumming

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"What I would like is one training camp, and to leave for Singapore about five days earlier than usual, so we can play two or three warm-up games on the way.

"Otherwise, we'll be like dogs. The players will lose their fitness completely."

Scheinflug is not sure which countries will contest the Merlion Cup, but he has heard that New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, the USA and of course Singapore, will be among them.

Scheinflug will omit at least five of the players who won the Cup for Australia last October.

They are: Martyn Crook (West Adelaide), Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions), Gary Byrne (Canberra), David Mitchell (Glasgow Rangers) and George Christopoulos (Canberra).

Tony Henderson (Marconi), Peter Rasopoulos (Olympic) and Gary Cole (Heidelberg) are still in, and Charlie Egan (Hellas) is "under consideration."

Those with a 100 per cent guarantee of playing in the Cup (barring injuries) are Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Steve Blair (SM-Hellas), Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas), Peter Katholos (Olympic), Terry Groedy (St George Budapest), Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), and John Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah).

Scheinflug said he definitely would promote David Lowe (Newcastle) and McCulloch from the national youth team to the senior Socceros.

And he stressed that he would recall stopper Blair, although he was omitted by stand-in coach Frank Ark from the three match series against England a few months ago.

When I mentioned that there had been much speculation about which of the players who met England would be omitted, Scheinflug said: "I will look at all the players who took part in the England series. It's premature to say I will leave out Joe Watson or Jim Cant — or someone because they are too old."

Scheinflug said that for the World Cup qualifying matches, he definitely would consider the overseas-based players — Eddie Krncevic (Dinamo Zagreb), David Mitchell (Glasgow Rangers) and Rene Colusso (Akragas, Sicily).

"Such players gain tremendously from the overseas experience, and therefore have a lot to offer the national team," Scheinflug said.

"All three have contacts which allow them to come back and play for Australia."

About other players in the running for the national squad Scheinflug made the following comments:

HOWARD TREDDINNICK (Newcastle left back): "He's been playing extremely well, and he stands out in a very good team. I definitely will invite him."

BOBBY RUSSELL (Hellas right back): "I had him under consideration previously, but I'll have to watch him more closely this time around."

TOMMY CUMMING (Melbourne Croatia): "He's a proven performer, having played well for Australia before he dropped out through injury. He's an experienced player, and he's been in good form this year. He may not come in for the Merlion Cup, but I'll definitely keep a close watch on him."

PETER LEWIS (Ajax right back): "He has been recommended to me. I like a defender who's mean and nasty, and gets stuck in, and Lewis is that type."

IAN SOUNESS (Sydney Hakoah): "Yes, I could bring him in at either full-back or midfield. He's got an excellent chance."

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Krncevic Mitchell Lewis

Visa players kicked out

Visa players from overseas are being told by the Immigration Department to go home at the end of the season.

As the result of a Department crack down, the players are permitted to remain in the country only during the months they are playing soccer.

If they are on longer contracts, they are required to spend every off season back in their home country — a costly business for both player and club.

The Immigration Department has asked the Australian Soccer Federation to stipulate the start and the end of the soccer season, in order to define when the visa players have to go home.

The ASF, in return, has asked the Department to agree to a December 31 cut off point, as the soccer season varies from State to State and from club to club, depending on participation in finals and Cup series.

And the ASF has asked also that the soccer season should be seen as being 12 months long, because players are required to do pre-season training during January.

As it stands, however, the Department says that visiting soccer players are here for an express purpose — to play soccer — and they must go home as soon as they stop playing.

The previous practice of granting visa extension, has been scrapped. This year, NSL and State League clubs were permitted to have a total of three temporary visa players, no more than two of whom were permitted to enter during the current season.

From next season, the clubs still can have a total of three, but only one will be allowed in during a particular season.

The question is: If a player signs a three-year contract, and goes home after the first season, will he be counted as a "new" visa player when he returns?

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Hakoah in form, Flavell barred



Mullen Flavell Boden

The old firm is reunited. Kevin Mullen, Murray Barnes and Ken Boden are firing again, and Sydney Hakoah is aiming for its fourth championship in a row.

Hakoah meets league leader Preston Makedonia at the Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday and a victory would put Hakoah on top of the table.

Gordon Flavell will be suspended from the match, Zarko Odzakovic is in doubt because of an ankle injury and Gary Ward won't be back until next week, meaning Makedonia has to rely mainly on strength, courage and total commitment to survive this test.

It must be only a matter of time before winger Alex Livingstone comes into the Makedonia team.

Recruited from Scottish club Albion Rovers early this year, Livingstone has made only a handful of appearances so far.

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Makedonia still the favorite; Soper to beat Brown

The NSL has only five more weeks to run, and the burning question is: Who will win the last championship conducted under the 16-team format.

Early in the year, I predicted it would be either Sydney Olympic or South Melbourne Hellas, with Sydney City Hakoah also having a chance, but Makedonia proved me wrong.

I think Makedonia will win it, but I wouldn't be surprised to see Sydney Hakoah clinch it in the final few rounds.

Remember, if Olympic takes the points from Makedonia in our return game, and if Hakoah beats Makedonia next Sunday, then the title almost certainly would be lost to Makedonia.

In the games ahead, you'll see vast improvement from Olympic, and we'll be fighting for every point. We'll be no pushovers, that's for sure, so stay tuned, folks, as there are some very interesting games coming up.

As for the Cup, we play

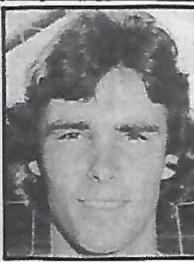
KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Marshall Soper



Doug Brown



Gary Byrne

against Marconi and Heidelberg meets SM-Hellas in the semi-finals, the week after the last league round.

The final, therefore, will be a NSW v. Victoria affair, and no matter who reaches the final, it will be a big crowd-puller because the Greeks and Italians are involved.

The final itself probably will be played in two legs — home and away.

Our aim now is to win the cup for Olympic, because we're too far behind to take the league championship. I hope we'll be meeting Hellas. That should be a hell of a final.

Scorers not firing

The goalscorers haven't been on target as often as in

past seasons. With the three-point system aimed at encouraging more goals, this is surprising.

Last year about this time, the league top scorer — John Kosmina — had 18 goals.

Before last weekend, however, Marshall Soper (Olympic) led the goalscorers with only 12 goals, followed by Doug Brown (SM-Hellas) and John Bradley (APIA) who were a goal behind in second place.

Kosmina was hanging in there with 10, but don't be surprised if Dez Marton (St. George) knocks them in with much greater regularity over the last five rounds.

For my money, Soper or Bradley will be the top scorer of 1983, and, thanks to Boral Bricks, he'll be \$1000 richer.

When I write about my money, I'm not kidding. I've got a \$50 bet with my editor, who's backing Doug Brown.

Where are you, Garry Byrne?

Whatever happened to Garry Byrne? He played for Australia against New Zealand early in the year and then for Canberra Arrows in the NSL, but now he's out of action altogether — apparently because he didn't like travelling to Canberra from his home in Sydney, where he's a computer operator with IBM.

He's an intelligent player and a good clubman, so it amazes me that no Sydney club has shown interest in signing him.

Melbourne warns Croatia: 'We'd sue'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Melbourne Soccer Club will take legal action if Croatia plays under the name "Melbourne" in the National League.

So says Melbourne S.C. official Lou Szanthe. "We would seek an injunction to stop Croatia from playing under our name," Szanthe said.

Under a controversial ASF resolution, NSL clubs are to use district names for "official purposes" and that means the fixtures will be drawn up in district names.

Croatia has been playing as Melbourne Croatia but in NSL fixtures, presumably the club will be referred to only as Melbourne.

Croatia is one of the clubs being sought by the NSL to help make possible an increase to 24 teams next season.

Melbourne S.C., meanwhile, will make a bid for one of the vacancies left in the Victorian State League, by the departure of four clubs to the NSL.

Melbourne, also known as Hungaria, won the Australia Cup during its heyday.

The club moves from Middle Park to a new ground in February. The new ground is J.T. Gray Reserve in Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown.

It comprises 5 3/4 acres of land, dressing rooms and a pavilion which currently is being built. The first stage will cost \$34,000, including floodlights.

Melbourne will retain Elwood Park and Middle Park for some of its five juniors teams, but also will field juniors in Williamstown.

Szanthe says the club attracts up to 500 people for an important game. It now can cash in on that support, as the Williamstown ground is fully fenced, while its Middle Park pitch was not.

Melbourne's top players are sweeper John Bird, striker Danny Ward, and midfielders Ernie Tapai and Gary Carlisle.

John Toth is club president, Mike Lengyel chairman, Bill Hartigan secretary and Mike Lynn coach.

SEATTLE FOLDS IN U.S.

The ailing North American Soccer League has received another blow with the announcement that Seattle Sounders are to fold.

League officials were informed of the dismantlement immediately after Sounders had failed to qualify for the play-offs for only the third year in their 10-year history.

Until recently among the NASL's best supported franchises, Seattle twice reached the Soccerbowl — in 1977 and 1982 — but was beaten by Cosmos both times. Last year it gained some consolation by capturing the Trans Atlantic Cup.

The club, from Washington State, will be remembered as a refuge for British professionals: Jimmy Gabriel and Alan Hinton each served as coach and the players roster has included Kevin Bond, David Nish, Alan Hudson, Roger Davies, Bruce Riech, Mike England, Bobby Moore, Tommy Hutchison, Peter Ward and Joe Corrigan.

With a host of other NASL members also in financial straits, Sounders may not be the only casualty of 1983.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

— PAUL MOON

DID THE BALL GO THROUGH THE NET?

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL 2 (Hatzioannou 2) MURRUMBEENA HIGH 1 (Anthopoulos own goal), Victorian all-high senior final at Cheltenham High, last Thursday.

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL: Hatzicostas 7 — Anthopoulos 5, Bakopoulos 5, Sarder 8, Belic 6 — Anastasiou 7, Goulias 8, Chronis 5 (Shongl) — Hatzioannou 7, Tassos 7, Belengos 6 (Tan).

MURRUMBEENA HIGH SCHOOL: Alistair 5 — Batselas 5, Tolios 9, Nikolopoulos 7,

Muser 7 — Prokopos 5 (Kavakis), Topolidis 8, Gudzoski 6 (Karatzios) — Potiris 5, Tzouvelis 6, Retre 8.

Murrumbena players were still protesting after the game about a goal disallowed by the referee after a shot by John Topolidis appeared to go right through the net.

Topolidis struck his shot low past goalkeeper Bill Hatzicostas, and raised his arms in glee, believing it was a goal.

But the ball ended up in the shrubbery along the school fence, behind the goal. The referee, after consulting a linesman, ruled the shot had

missed, but the Murrumbena players as well as teachers behind the goal, said the ball had passed low through the net.

So as it turned out, Richmond High won the Victorian senior soccer championship, with two goals by Arthur Hatzioannou. In fact, Richmond scored all of the goals, for it was an own goal by Nick Anthopoulos that put Murrumbena into the lead.

Anthopoulos kicked the ball straight up into the air, and although Hatzicostas tried hard to save it, the ball fell through his arms, into the net.

Murrumbena should have taken control, as

Tony Tolios was playing with great heart in defence, and Topolidis and Carlos Retre were threatening in attack.

However, Dragan Sarder stood firm in Richmond's defence, and both Nick Goulias and Ilija Anastasios drove their team forward relentlessly through the midfield.

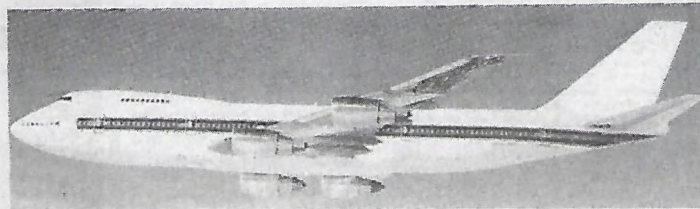
Big striker Steve Tattos offered himself as a constant target, but it was right winger Hatzioannou who finally did the damage.

He scored the equaliser and then put away a pass from Tassos, after good lead-up play by Tan Nguyen down the left wing.

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CRAIG MACKENZIE PROFILES TWO NSL STARS OF 1984

Paul Lewis outscored Ian Rush!

Paul Lewis wants to play for Australia in the next World Cup, definitely will play in the NSL next year wearing either a Green Gully strip or another club's colors, reckons Len McKendry is the best coach in Australia, and wants to put an end to talk about him trialling with leading English clubs.

"My goal is to get into the Australian national side. Sure, I'd love to be a full time professional again but it looks like those days are gone. Now that it looks very unlikely that I'll play for Wales, I'd like to get into the Australian team."

Like his coach at Gully, David Smallman, Lewis is quick to point out that he's not English. He's Welsh and proud of it.

Paul Lewis, 22, hails from Mancot, a small town in the Welsh north, just outside Chester. He signed schoolboy forms with Liverpool as a 14 year old and spent all his holidays for the next two years training at Anfield. Liverpool didn't offer him an apprenticeship.

Burnley, Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United and Wrexham followed suit. So it was back to the roots for the blond haired striker and after a two year apprenticeship with Chester, then in Third Division, Lewis was signed as a professional.

He only played a handful of first team games for Chester, spending most of his time in the reserves competing in the Lancashire League.

Lewis' attacking cohort then was Ian Rush, now well established as a goalscorer for Liverpool and Wales, however Rush had to take a back seat while Lewis slammed in 29 goals in one season and was leading scorer twice, feats which prompted Chester manager Alan Oakes to declare: "You could score goals in any company."

But after a year as a professional, Lewis was let go by Oakes, and even now finds that hard to explain.

Lewis went to Newport for trials. Newport wasn't interested. So, he started thinking about trying his luck in a different country. He wrote to the Professional Footballers' Association in Manchester asking for clubs to contact in the U.S. and Australia. He was contacted by Wollongong United, Doveton, Frankston and Green Gully late in 1980. Doveton and Gully sent him contracts. The Gully one was better, so he signed, never realising that he

had joined the club about to write its name indelibly into the history books of Victorian soccer, winning every honor possible over a staggering three year period.

Bobby McLachlan, then Gully manager, now the boss at Footscray J.U.S.T., wanted Lewis and his new bride, Mandy, to arrive here in time for the 1981 Ampol Cup. McLachlan kept telling the press that Lewis would be out any day but as each week passed and Lewis still held up by immigration red tape, it seemed that we'd never get to see what Gully's new import was like.

Finally, in June 1981, Paul and Mandy Lewis arrived. But Paul Lewis never got off to a dream start.

"My first game was with the reserves against Northcote. I scored, even though I was playing in midfield. The next week I still was in the reserves and I scored again. The next week I was on the bench for the first team and that was how it was for most of the remainder of the season, even though every time McLachlan brought me on I scored. He (McLachlan) said that he couldn't change the team because the lads were playing so well."

Things were different in 1982. "Kevin Wall returned to Frankston City and I think the supporters got onto Bobby McLachlan's back a bit about me scoring goals and not getting a regular game. Anyway, last year it was me and big Gus (McLeod) up front and it worked really well. We used to knock balls from the back looking for Gus and I'd work off his flick-ons."

McLeod had been leading State League scorers in 1981 but now it was the turn of the young forward with the electrifying burst of speed. Lewis slammed in 23 league goals, five more than Dave Brogan of Croatia and Dave Rigby of George Cross.

"It was great to have such a good season. If I couldn't play here, I'd be as well playing amateur back home, so it was important to me to establish myself."



Paul Lewis has just scored one of his many goals this season.

"And this year I think I'm a 100 per cent better player for what I've learned under Len McKendry at the start of the season. He used to take me aside and show me how to hold the ball and turn opponents. I never really had the confidence to do that last year."

"Len's the best coach in Australia. He knows so much about the game and as soon as he came to Green Gully he impressed me."

Green Gully Ajax expects to play in the NSL next year and you can expect astute treasurer Arnold Langer soon will be running around trying to make sure Paul Lewis is green and white property for another season at least.

Whether or not Lewis stays with Gully probably is in the hands of a handful of men deciding the fate of applications from prospective NSL clubs. But Lewis is certain in his own mind, that he'll be in the NSL in 1984. With or without Green Gully.

Vidaic the Croatia

strongman

Sydney Croatia defender Bruno Vidaic learned how to hit hard by playing rugby league as a teenager and reckons that the NSL is in for a big surprise when his team gets onto the park next year against the Marconis, APIA Leichhardt and St. Georges of this world.

"We tend to be a bit lazy against weaker teams in State League but we're going to be the underdogs in the NSL next year and that'll suit us just fine. We'll show the more established clubs a thing or two," said Vidaic.

Vidaic played rugby league for Patriarch Brothers Fairfield in the Commonwealth Cup, a schools competition, while also playing for Auburn in State League in the 1970's. Rugby gave him the sharpness and aggression to stand out as a soccer player. He reckons that rugby league players are about as fit as Aussie Rules players, which makes them a lot fitter than most soccer players, according to Vidaic.

"Playing rugby as a youngster was an advantage for me as a soccer player. While soccer relies more on finesse and in-



Sydney Croatia's State League champion team of 1982. Back row: J. Kuze (coach) B. Vidaic, D. Galic, T. Basic, G. Sterrey, K. Coleman, S. Watson, I. Barker, M. Kovacic, P. Hensman, R. Carrizo, V. Rezo (team manager), Dr K. Bosnic. Front row: D. Tomasich, B. Woods, D. Rezo, J. Coyne, S. Dukic, L. Sterry, W. Savor.

telligence, rugby is more reliant on brute strength."

Could there be a message there for established NSL strikers like Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic, Phil O'Connor of Wollongong, John Kosmina of Sydney City, Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hellas and Mark Jankovics of Marconi?

Are we about to unearth a claimant to the title of the hardest man in the NSL? We all know about the strength of Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos, Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Kyri Kyriakoulas, Arno Bertogna of APIA and David Ratcliffe of St. Georges. Could Vidaic become a member of this elite group of NSL strongmen?

However, Vidaic the soccer player, isn't just about brute strength. There's technique there too, learned under coaches such as Joe Marston, Joe Martin, Vic Dalgleish, Attila Abonyi, Dom Kapetanovic and current Croatia coach Josip Kuze.

Marston, Martin and Dalgleish all coached Vidaic at Auburn, the club he joined as a 15 year old, making his first team debut in 1976, against Manly in an Ampol Cup match.

"Auburn's a great club. It's not exactly overflowing with money, so it promotes a lot of young players, which is excellent, but recently the big clubs have come and snapped up the best young prospects."

Vidaic transferred to Sydney Croatia for the start of the 1979 season, for just \$400, the maximum fee stipulated in his contract with Auburn. And former Soccerco great Abonyi, coached Croatia that year and is widely tipped to be returning to the club next season.

"You can't help but respect Ottie Abonyi. How can you not respect a man who did it all as a player? Players want to perform for him because they respect him so much. And he's always trying to improve himself as a coach, always learning new training techniques and always willing to try something different," said Vidaic.

His junior career was highlighted by representing NSW in the national under-18 titles in 1977 and being selected by then national team coach Brian Green in the Australian under-18 squad, which was due to tour America, a trip cancelled because of lack of funding. Greg Woodhouse, Ian Rowden, Tom Basic and Craig Hall also played in that NSW under-18 team.

And earlier this year, Vidaic was included in the NSW state squad which travelled to Brisbane and was beaten 2-0 by Queensland.

Watch out for this strong defender. And that's not just a tip to NSL fans but a warning to some of the country's finest attackers.



Scheinflug sizes them up

DOUG BROWN (Hellas striker): "I was tremendously impressed by him early this year, and although he's playing well again now, there was a period during which he did nothing. He's cheeky and cocky and he can make a goal out of nothing. This is the type of player we need for the national team, but he must show me he can be more consistent."

PAUL LEWIS (Ajax striker): "He's been recommended to me highly and I've seen quite a few times myself. He's quick and lively, and he's good around the box, as is evident from the 26 goals he's scored

this year. I definitely will give him a chance."

OSCAR CRINO (Hellas midfielder): "I like Crino, who played in the 1981 World Youth Championships, of course I can't afford him as libero."

JOE SENKALSKI (Newcastle midfielder): "One week he's super, the next he's below average. He can do anything on his day, as he proved when he came on against Mexico a few years ago, but I'd first like to see him go through a season without injuries, and with much more consistency."

VLATKO BELIC (Footscray

From page one

J.U.S.T. (midfielder): "His coach, Bobby McLachlan, has given me good reports about him, and if he keeps improving, he'll be a strong candidate."

SULEIMAN CUROVIC (Footscray J.U.S.T. utility): After J.U.S.T. had beaten Marconi, I said to McLachlan: "Who is that, guy?" He had marked Mark Jankovics out of the game, and you know how fast Mark is over the first few yards. Curovic has tremendous skill, plus great skill which he overdoes sometimes.

But I'm very, very impressed by him, and he's a dark horse for the squad."

MARSHALL SOPER: "He has some outstanding qualities, despite his club antics. If I were to coach Olympic, I'd pay him only when he delivers and only when he doesn't cause trouble, but he knows that in the national team, he can't get away with anything."

ARNO BERTOGNA (APIA centre back): "He was out for quite a while due to injury, but he's still under consideration. I'm blessed with stoppers, so it

depends on which of them show me the most."

ROBERT WHEATLEY (Blacktown full back): "He's maturing and he'll come to the fore next year, if Blacktown gets into the NSL."

CHARLIE VILLANI (Adelaide Juventus): "He's always had great potential, and I believe from all reports, that he's been showing it this year."

SERGIO MELTA (Adelaide Juventus): "He's another who's been very consistent for the South Australians. I'll keep watching him."

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● Albion City the 1983 Albion-Wodonga Association champion. From left, rear: Chiko Vojnovic, Predragovic, Tudor, Grutzmaier, Piniotis, Alavuk, Van Dijk. Front: Martinez, N. Andronicos, Mettler, Veneris, Andronicos. Final standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
ALBURY CITY	21	20	1	0	100	11	41
LAVINGTON	21	18	1	2	87	14	37
DIAMONDS	21	16	2	3	73	22	34
MYRTLEFORD	21	14	2	5	77	34	30
WANDERERS	21	13	2	6	61	41	28
Wangaratta	21	8	3	10	41	43	19
Wodonga City	21	7	2	12	31	54	16
Hotspurs	21	6	3	11	44	70	15
West Wodonga	21	5	2	14	36	57	13
St Pat's	21	4	5	12	28	60	13
Rangers	21	2	2	17	33	82	6
United	21	2	0	19	18	123	4



Vojnovic takes on Scheinflug's 'roos

Chiko Vojnovic has been named as the Riverina District coach following the recent meeting of the Wagga and District Amateur Soccer Association meeting in Wagga.

A huge soccer promotion is planned for the match between the Riverina and the Australian youth side next year. Vojnovic was the unanimous

choice of the organising committee for the Riverina job.

It is important to note that Yugoslav-born Vojnovic has been the most successful coach at Albion this year taking his side — Albion City — to its 1983 Premiership without a loss. In fact the side has lost only one point during the 22-match premiership scoring over 100 goals and conceding just 11 in the process.

And while most Greek supporters sides in this year's championship are lamenting about mistakes and poor results, this side has been the exception — backed by a small Greek concern, the side has taken all before it.

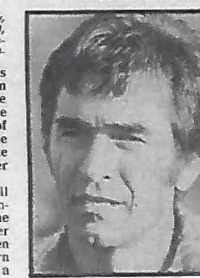
Led by Andronicos brothers and the Veneris, Albion City showed no mercy, and its attacking play brought enormous success.

Vojnovic was elated with his selection as District coach to face the might of Australia's youth and Les Scheinflug, but prefers to talk about Albion City.

"I have the right ingredients for success — some experienced players with a sprinkling of very young and enthusiastic ones. Beppe Tudor, George Andronicos and Jose Martinez lead by example, while some of my youngsters showed great promise during the year. Marko Alavuk, Barry Van Dijk, Dirk Grutzmaier and David Mower are very young and certainly are great prospects."

"We can only get better," concluded Vojnovic.

— ALEX VESIC



Chiko Vojnovic

MIGHTY MELITA!

Raul Blanco and Melita Eagles have had yet another successful season. After earlier success with Melita, Blanco moved to St George, then Marconi but failed. His return to Melita has reaped a rich reward with Melita winning the Premiership by pipping Croatia on goal average.

With Yugal, an arch rival of Croatia, hanging on grimly to a 0-0 draw at King Tomislav Park, Melita had to win by more than four goals to overtake Croatia.

With 20 minutes to go the score at Melita Stadium was still 3-0. But then in a devastating 20 minute spell Melita scored four goals to take the title.

For John McKie, Melita's livewire forward and two-goal hero, the game failed to provide just one more goal. If it had he would have shared top

scoring honors for 1983 with Terry Smith of Manly. Nick Theodorakopoulos of Canterbury, and Vlive Eaton of Kuringal.

And while Croatia was losing its Premiership lead, Kuringal lost at the Gabbie Stadium in its quest for a semi-final spot. Leading 2-1 and with only 14 minutes remaining, Kuringal conceded a goal which sent it tumbling to fifth spot and out of the semi-finals to be played this week.

Sutherland scored a goal in each half to ensure its semi-

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

final spot and also managed to have its second and third grades in the semis for good measure. Sutherland must certainly rate its chances of reaching the Grand Final as good since its most awesome display of the season came against Canterbury, and this is the time of season when Sutherland usually hits top gear.

At the bottom of the table we had yet another drama enacted.

Bankstown and Auburn met at the Soccer Centre to determine the holder of the wooden spoon for 1983. Bankstown score almost from the kick-off and looked the better team during the opening spell. Then disaster struck. Wayne Barker was sent off and all went wrong for the luckless Bankstown. Quigley equalised to keep Auburn in second last spot and keep Bankstown at the bottom of the league.

Croatia 0 Yugal 0

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterry, Vidic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Silva (M. Kovacic), Hansman (Holloway).

YUGAL: Smith, Gagic, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Lesic, Mihajlovic, Tanovski, Turkubasic, Tanovski, Zivkovic.

Croatia failed yet again to score against Yugal and lost the Premiership in the process

before some 4,000 supporters at King Tomislav Park.

Sure, the home side tried and possibly too hard, but all in vain against a well organised unit from the city. Yugal in fact had chances to snatch the points and Croatia attacked in waves during the second period.

With so many men up front, Croatia's defence was so thin that Yugal had very little to contend with by counter-attacking. However, Ljubó Zivkovic and Ricky Baumgartner, up front for Yugal missed up what little opportunities they had.

Looking for goals and an easy win against Yugal, the local crowd was irate towards the visitors at times, a rare occurrence.

For Croatia, most played well but with little real purpose up front. Peter Hensman was having problems with Gagic of Avala and failed to penetrate. Mark Holloway and Marian Kovacic came on during the second period but failed to produce the goods.

Soon after the close of play the local crowd learnt of Melita's goal scoring spree against Polonia which meant that Croatia had lost the premiership in a bitter disappointment for Josp Kuzic. Croatia's coach, who has done so well and drilled this unit for entertainment as well as goals, which did not come at the time he needed them most.

Melita 7 Polonia 0

Goals: McKie 1, 71' Farbsworth 34', 69', Griffith 70', 81', Allan 38'.

MELITA: Gagic (Gavin 61'), McKie, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Farnsworth, McAusland, Allan, Farrugia (Gavin 61').

Melita celebrated its biggest win of the season by taking the Premiership for 1983. Earlier this year Melita beat Polonia by two goals on its way to a unique 15 match sequence without defeat, with twelve wins and three draws, to snatch the Premiership from under Croatia's nose.

And whilst it must have been a bitterly disappointing result for Croatia, the Melita ground was covered in the red and white scarves of Melita supporters. Raul Blanco, with tears he could not hold back, had wanted to prove critics wrong and he did it in style with the club which brought him so much success a few years back.

It is obviously a very good combination, that of Blanco and Melita.

It was proven beyond doubt in this last league match of the season. Billy Griffith, Blanco's conductor of this Melita football orchestra, waved his magic wand to perfection. Not only did he create chances for others but he also scored some of the goals Melita supporters will remember for a long time.

Lets not forget that since the arrival of Griffith, Melita has shown different enterprise to that of push and run. Combining to perfection with Melita's own son, Ray Farrugia,

lanky Griffith has created a link from which most moves are woven on both sides of the park.

Against Polonia, it was Griffith who started the goal spree and Farnsworth who finished it. Only 51 seconds after the start Polonia was a goal down. McAusland to Griffith, and a fine run followed, then a cross to McKie. A crisp, first time shot and Melita was one up.

A shot by Farnsworth from just outside the box in the 34th minute, then Allan four minutes later gave Melita a very sound three goal lead, but two more were needed with Croatia drawing with Yugal.

For 25 minutes Polonia defended grimly. Then came Griffith with his jinky run and a perfect 16 metre shot and the goal scoring opened one more time. Only a minute later it was Griffith who provided the spade work for McKie to make to 5-0, then 10 minutes later it was Griffith on his own again walking through some tackles before beating the Polonia keeper.

With only a minute remaining, Farnsworth took to the Polonia defence, beat numerous would-be tacklers, and made it 7-0.

Sutherland 2 Canterbury 0

Goals: Beggs, Terry. SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Dalfovo, Schuman, Harrington, Meades, Webber, 67' Clinch, Cashman, Groome, Beggs.

CANTERBURY: Elzein, Antonopolis, Lees (Phillips 62'), Hantz, Vassiliou, Anagnostopoulos, Lining, Vassilou, Theodorakopoulos, Dimitrov (Thamides 46'), Basterfield.

With everything to gain and nothing to lose, Sutherland went into the game against Canterbury firing on all cylinders but almost came unstruck due to its own inability to convert the scoring chances.

After 90 minutes of soccer at Seymour Shaw, Sutherland only had two goals to show for its effort, but goals which brought the much needed two points and a place in the semi-finals. But it was all so close. What with Kuringal conceding an equaliser in the 76th minute to Blacktown and Sutherland having almost an "open line" to Gabbie checking the score line.

It was a hit and miss affair for the home side. Just as in its away match against Melita earlier this year, Sutherland played some entertaining football to completely dominate the match, but despite many opportunities only managed to score through Peter Terry in the 22nd minute then Peter Beggs in the 42nd.

Still, the signs were gems, with Beggs curling one beautifully into the top right hand corner of Elzein's goal.

However, Steve Meades hit the post, Jimmy Webber missed an open goal, Elzein chimed in to save a point blank shot by Schumann then completed a double by saving a penalty from Vic Dalfovo.

Still, the signs of recovery are there for Sutherland and on the eve of the semi-finals — the time of the year Cronulla boys are particularly fond of. As in many previous years Sutherland has all three grades in the semis.

It's Juve's title!

Juventus-Pioneer 0 Rapid-Wrest Point 0. HT: 0-0 At: 1000. Ref: D. Barker.

JUVENTUS: Craven — Lapolla, Charlton, Di Martino, Cochrane, Bencos, Burton, Pace — De Felice, Ward, Broadhouse (Ambrosio 88).

RAPID: P. Kannegiesser — Fletcher, Dilba, Wilson, Wilcock — Thompson, Crosson, S. Kannegiesser, Blake, Farmery (Wickell 68), Cook.

Juventus-Pioneer won the 1983 Cadbury State League title on goal difference from Rapid-Wrest Point when it held the reigning champion to a score-

season's best at Grove Road on Wednesday night.

Details: Juventus 0 Rapid 0. Full league standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	14	2	5	1	22	30	30
Rapid	13	4	3	2	22	30	30
Chippa	11	8	3	2	22	30	30
Cronulla	10	4	7	2	36	24	24
Melita	6	6	9	34	39	18	18
Calcuttians	6	5	10	36	12	12	12
University	8	0	13	3	60	18	18
White Eagles	2	1	18	23	81	5	5

Leading goalkeepers: 18 — Parker (Caledonians), Forster (Olympia)

15 — Ward (Juventus), Sherman (Olympia)

13 — J. McIntyre (Metro)

11 — Nichols (Olympia), Broadhouse (Juventus)

10 — Oakes (Croatia), Thomas (Croatia)

9 — A. Leszczynski (White Eagles)

BEOGRAD FOR THE NSL?

Beograd Woodville scored a season double by winning the PGH-Federation Cup last weekend.

The young Beograd side snatched a lucky 1-0 win over Second Division champions Salisbury.

Stocky striker Duro Arzina got the decisive goal after 60 minutes and against the run of play. While Beograd opened confidently, the plucky Salisbury side gradually took the initiative and had Beograd under pressure for most of the match. But Salisbury had little to show for its dominance as the Beograd defence cleared any loose ball with utter desperation.

Yet just when an upset seemed likely, Beograd struck the fatal blow in one of its rare attacking thrusts for the game. From a corner, midfielder Rusemir beautifully dummied the ball, allowing it to run through his legs for Arzina to delicately flick into the net.

Beograd has the chance for a treble as it will take part in the knock-out Coca Cola Cup tournament involving the three top First Division clubs, Croatia, Polonia and Para Hills.

Beograd's success this season has prompted the club's administration to seriously consider making an application for inclusion in next year's regionalised National Soccer League.

It is understood that Adelaide's two NSL clubs have offered to support such moves. Certainly Adelaide desperately needs a new injection of interest in the game. Falling attendances — almost to the point of embarrassment — have led the "big two" to believe more local NSL derbies could be the answer.

— FRANK PANGALLO

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17. Theodorakopoulos (C), Smith (MW), Eaton (D)
18. Arnold (C), McKie (ME)
19. Walker, Macphail (BD), Beas (IM)
20. Farrugia (ME)
21. Allan (ME), Saver (I)
22. Manic (A)
23. Quante (ME), Beggs (B), M. Kovacic (C)
24. Farnsworth (ME), Clinch (S), Harwood (C), Jones (NW)
25. Kowalski, Thomas (P), Harrington, Webber, Groome (S), Tomicich, McIntosh (V), Tomicich (A), Allan (A), Blacktown (B), Kervin (BD), Raco (C), Hagen, Barry, Lash (K), P. Falcione (MW)
26. Piniotis, Curry (A), Gilling (B), Farnsworth, Beggs, Salvage (BD), Hall, Thaminas, Anagnostopoulos, Andrews (C), Holloway (C), Brockbank (K), Stuart, Jack (MW), Griffith (ME), 2. Garwood (P), Cashman (S), Radcliffe (V)

27. Rodriguez, Farnsworth, Hasselstein, Tili, Lamberly (A), Piniotis, Kelly, Kikilly (A), Campanella, Brown, Swift, York, Silman, Agostino (B), Thominas, Lash (BD), Lang (C), Carrizo, Woods, She (C), Rogers, Montanara, Colabardo (IM), Davidson, McKagan (K), Sherron, Van Halen, K. Falcione (MW), Groome, Gales, Smith, Tracy (P), Dalfovo, Hagen, Knowles (S), Pahor, Mihajlovic (V)
28. Mika, Mahana, Brown, Barton, Burrows, Doherty, Yampou, Karanofsky (A), Tomicich, Dale, Groome, Martinez, Quigley (A), Lash, O'Hall, Hagen, Bourke (B), Quigley, Whitley, Pearson, Davies, Pearson (BD), Vassilou (C), Sherry, Davies, Davis (C), Fraser (IM), Hantz, Watson, Smith (K), Goughan, Scott, Doyle, Slater (MW), Jamieson, Williams, McManland (ME), Salazar, Groome, Clinch, Terry (P), Meades, Terry (B), Baumgartner, Kuznetsov, Zivkovic, Clarke, Horrell (V)

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BORAL BRICKS

Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas moved into third position as leaders Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) and Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) both picked up maximum points in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Ten points now separate the top three, with a maximum of 30 points available to each of them, under the 6-5-4-3-2-1 voting system.

O'Connor remains in the lead, two votes ahead of Yankos. Appropriately, the top three in the voting were the stars of the national team in its three-match series against England this year.

The only others among the top 11 who made advance at the weekend are Graham Heys (West Adelaide Hellas) and John Bradley (APIA).

Marshall Soper (Olympic) stayed in the lead in the Boral

Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, but Doug Brown (SM Hellas) and John Bradley (APIA) are only a goal behind in second place, with John Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah) a further goal behind.

However, with five games to go, any one of eight players can win the \$1000.

Stretching the point, you could give a chance even to Dez Marton (St.G.), Gary Ward (Mak) and Claude Lucchesi (Mak) who have nine goals each — four less than Soper.

This week's votes: **PRESTON MAKEDONIA** 0 **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 1 (Soper) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6 Patikas (SO), 5 Petrovski (Mak), 4 Jones (Mak), 3 Orlerton (Mak), 2 Jennings (SO), 1 Coady (SO).

WOLLONGONG 3 (O'Connor, 2 Cotton) **ADELAIDE CITY** 1 (Mullen) at Wollongong

longong Showgrounds. Crowd 1100. Votes by Philip Micallef:

6 O'Connor (W), 5 Dunleavy (W), 4 Cotton (W), 3 Melia (AC), 2 Blair (AC), 1 Vardareff (W).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Cafra, Liddell) **ST. GEORGE** **BUDAPEST** 4 (Marton, 2, Barton, Wilkinson) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6 Slater (St.G.), 5 Marton (St.G.), 4 Hamilton (BC), 3 Barton (St.G.), 2 Fabrizio (BC), 1 Wilkinson (St.G.).

SOUTH MELBOURNE **HELLAS** 2 (Brown, Egan)

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Daunt) at Middle Park. Crowd about 3500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6 Davidson (SM), 5 Beves (BL), 4 Crino (SM), 3 Vasquez (BL), 2 Brown (SM), 1 Hogg (BL).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Mullen, Barnes, Kosmina) **CANBERRA ARROWS** 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd about 700. Votes by Knut Werner:

6 Mullen (SC), 5 Robertson (SC), 4 Hummell (C), 3 Pezzano (SC), 2 Kosmina (C), 1 Byrne (C).

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Sutherland, Penrith in strong ISL bid

Sutherland Shire and Penrith United are reinforcing the clubs' cases for a place in the NSL.

Four places will be allocated to NSW for the

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. **Preston Makedonia** at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.

Record: Hak 3 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 10-5 goals.

SUNDAY

Footscray J.U.S.T. v. **St George Budapest** (draw) at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.

Record: JUST 4 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 20-15 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. **West Adelaide Hellas** at Middle Park, 3 pm.

Record: West Ad 7 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 18-19 goals.

Adelaide City Juventus v. **HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER** at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

Record: Adel C 8 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses, 17-13 goals.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. **Wollongong** at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

Record: Wollong 3 wins, 0 draw, 2 losses, 6-6 goals.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD v. **Brisbane City** at Marconi Stadium.

Record: Mar 7 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 26-18 goals.

Brisbane Lions v. **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Richlands, 3 pm.

Record: Newc 4 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 18-16 goals.

Canberra Arrows v. **APIA-LEICHHARDT** at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.

Record: APIA 6 wins, 3 draws, 0 loss, 19-6 goals.

Australian Conference and four to Victoria for the National Conference.

In the former case Sydney Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City are the front runners, with Sutherland, Penrith, Kuring-gai and Manly all pressing their individual cases.

According to Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes, Sutherland's standing in NSW is higher than all except Croatia.

He said: "We made the 1982 grand final and won the club championship over the three grades."

"Substantial sponsorship is available, our basic team is in place, and Seymour Shaw Park is constantly being improved and we have our own licensed club."

"Quite frankly we believe our case is more viable than those of more fancied Melita and Blacktown. Our support would be very solid in National League soccer."

Being mentioned in soccer circles as a leading contender is Penrith United, currently a Second Division outfit. For a long time the club has been signalling its burning ambitions.

Spokesman John Glynn said that aluminium seating for 5000 spectators currently is being installed around three sides of the ground at Cook Park, St Marys.

On Friday night we met the National League at a function. Local councillors, council officers and representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of St Marys and Penrith attended to help press our case," he said.

Ku-ring-gai, fourth in the NSW State League, is making up ground.

Club president Don Allen said: "Our application is based on the use of either North Sydney Oval or the excellent Englefield Stadium at West Pennant Hills."

"We have a substantial sponsor in the wings. Our finances, strength and huge potential on Sydney's north side must merit every consideration."

NOW FIVE TEAMS VIE FOR TITLE

By LAURIE SCHWAB

With Flavell out, there now is a vacancy for Livingstone.

But if Odzakov recovers — meaning there will be only one vacancy in the team — coach Peter Ollerton may prefer to opt for the experience of Isaac Farrell.

One thing seems certain: George McMillan will drop back into midfield because only he has the tackling power and the physical qualities to replace those of Flavell.

This game is being billed as the championship decider. That description, however, is not accurate when you consider that neither team is guaranteed of winning the following week — Makedonia against local rival Heidelberg-Alexander, and Hakoah against Marconi.

The league is so close now that any one of five clubs can win the championship — Makedonia, Hakoah, St George Budapest, Newcastle and SM-Hellas.

In the Victorian Football League, Essendon stands poised to win the grand final although it finished only fourth in the home-and-away series.

Can Hellas win the NSL title from fifth place?

It's a distinct possibility.

On recent form, Hellas is possibly the best team in the league. After all, it has beaten Hakoah, Makedonia and Newcastle!

By my reckoning, Hellas will come mighty close. In fact, I believe the championship will go to either Hellas or Hakoah, with Hakoah the favorite because it leads Hellas by three points at the moment.

The remaining games for the five top contenders, with home games in capitals, are:

MAKEDONIA v. Hakoah, Heidelberg, FOOTSCRAY JUST, WEST ADEL. HELLAS, Sydney Olympic.

SYDNEY HAKOAH v. MAKEDONIA, Marconi, BRISBANE LIONS, Newcastle, Canberra.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED v. Brisbane Lions, Wollongong, ST. GEORGE, HAKOAH, Heidelberg.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v. Foots JUST, APIA-LEICHHARDT, Newcastle, MARCONI, Brisbane City.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. WEST ADEL. HELLAS, Syd. Olympic, MARCONI, APIA-LEICHHARDT, Brisbane Lions.

Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson finishes his current contract with the club at the end of the year, and hopes to mark the occasion with a fourth successive championship win.



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About his future, he said: "I will negotiate with the club and see what happens. It's no use carrying on if the club isn't prepared to be fully competitive."

"If the playing strength is maintained until younger players, who are developing through the ranks, come good, then I would be happy to stay."

Meanwhile, Thomson will look to the Mullen-Barnes-Boden combination to help engineer a victory over Makedonia on Saturday.

Mullen, who was out of the team for many weeks, returned in a defeat to Hellas a few weeks ago, and scored one of the goals against Canberra last Sunday.

Boden, who has missed most of the season through injury, had only his second game back against Canberra, and used his skill to distribute the ball to wingers Willie Murray and Joe Watson, and to support John Kosmina.

Barnes, former captain of Australia, almost had to give the game a miss due to a knee injury, but he recovered to add his strength and stature to the midfield and, like Mullen, scored a goal.

Last time the teams met, a Barnes own goal started a rout that led to a 4-0 victory to Makedonia, but that was before Hakoah had found its rhythm.

Makedonia could go into the game for a point, which would keep it on top of the ladder, but it's extremely difficult to play defensively against Hakoah whose players are so skilful that if you concede possession to them, they'll keep the ball for most of the game.

Robbie Vasquez, the young Brisbane Lions sweeper, did well to clear off the line twice in the match against Hellas last Sunday, but even he will be left floundering against the aggressive Newcastle forward line and midfield on Sunday.

Heidelberg managed a scoreless draw with Newcastle, but the Lions defence isn't half as strong as Heidelberg's, and is bound to crack under pressure from David Lowe, Bob Mountford, Joe Senkalski, Grant Lee and David Jones.

A draw between Hakoah and Makedonia would give Newcastle the chance to move to within two points of top place.

Third-placed St George Budapest meanwhile, faces a tough assignment against Footscray JUST at Schintler Reserve.

The curtain-raiser, at 1pm, is the Victorian Women's Soccer Association Cup

final between Greensborough and Rowville United.

Players to watch are Rowville's goalkeeper Nicole Holding who's only 14 years old, captain Joelle Dechaineaux and top-scorer Caroline Warren-Smith; and Greensborough's player-coach Janette Melvin, of the Australian All-Stars, midfielder Andy Martin who represented Australia in Hawaii last year and two other national team stars, Shona Bass and Kim Coates.

Greensborough is the hot favorite.

St George has David Ratcliffe back after suspension, meaning John O'Shea can return to the midfield.

JUST's 10-week unbeaten run ended against APIA last week, but although it lost 0-2, JUST had enough chances to win.

Gary McDowell, playing a strong mid-field game, hit the crossbar with a strong shot, and had a header cleared off the line by Peter Tredinnick. Joe Carroll also hit the woodwork.

West Adelaide has been bleeding youngsters, and even has resorted to using stopper Robbie Dunn as a makeshift striker.

With so many players in top form — John Bradley, Peter Tredinnick, Terry Butler, Bertie Mariani, Arno Bertogna, Mark Brown — APIA should have little trouble against struggling Canberra, but Sydney Olympic is likely to be given a fright by Wollongong, whose enthusiasm was boosted by its first home victory last weekend.

Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton — whose attacking partnership rivals that of Charlie Egan and Doug Brown — were devastating against Adelaide Juventus, and will cause the Olympic defence a few headaches.

Any team that loses to the league tail-end has its reputation tarnished. So it is with Adelaide Juventus, whose players will still be blushing next Sunday when they try in vain to break down the powerful Heidelberg-Alexander defence.

Jim Tansey has yet to experience defeat since taking over as player-coach of Heidelberg. He has reorganised the defence, and according to all reports, both Gary Cole and Derek Lea were dead unlucky not to score in last week's scoreless draw with Newcastle.

Similarly, Marconi did everything but score against West Adelaide, and is determined to make amends against Brisbane City at home.

National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets.		HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts	
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1.	(1) Preston Makedonia	9	2	2	27	12	4	5	3	14	12	41	24	46
2.	(3) Sydney City Hakoah	8	4	0	21	6	4	4	5	15	20	36	26	44
3.	(2) Newcastle KB United	6	4	3	18	7	6	2	4	20	12	38	19	42
4.	(4) St George Budapest	6	5	1	17	8	5	4	4	19	15	36	23	42
5.	(5) South Melbourne Hellas	6	3	4	19	17	6	2	4	18	16	37	33	41
6.	(6) APIA-Leichhardt	9	2	2	26	9	2	2	8	13	20	39	29	37
7.	(7) Sydney Olympic	6	2	5	19	14	5	2	5	13	12	32	26	37
8.	(8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	3	3	23	7	3	5	5	15	16	38	33	35
9.	(9) Brisbane City	4	5	4	19	20	4	3	5	12	19	31	39	32
10.	(10) Footscray J.U.S.T.	5	4	3	14	18	3	4	6	7	17	21	35	32
11.	(11) Adelaide City Juventus	5	3	5	14	13	3	3	7	15	19	29	32	30
12.	(12) Canberra Arrows	6	3	3	24	13	2	2	9	14	30	38	43	29
13.	(13) Heidelberg-Alexander	6	2	4	16	12	0	8	5	7	19	23	31	28
14.	(14) West Adelaide Hellas	4	6	4	15	17	1	6	4	6	13	21	30	27
15.	(15) Wollongong	1	3	3	16	17	2	3	8	17	30	34	29	21
16.	(16) Brisbane Lions	5	2	5	21	19	0	4	9	9	33	30	52	21

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SOPER PUNCHED, PATIKAS STARS

Makedonia 0 Syd. Olympic 1

Scorer: Soper 83rd.
Venue: Connor Reserve.
Crowd: about 4000.
Referee: Chris Bannbridge.
Cautions: Jennings (SO), Dakos (SO).

Reported: Flavell (Mak).
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Petrovski 8, Jones 8, Ollerton 8, Opatinski 7, Iloski 7, Flavell 5, Odzakov 5, McMillan 5, Lucchesi 5, Campbell 6. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Coady 7, Horbert 7, Dakos 7, Jennings 8, Raskopolos 6, Katholos 6, Phillips 7, Patalis 6 (Koussas 73rd), Patikas 9, Soper 7. Coach: Manfred Schwab.

Makedonia's tough mid-fielder Gordon Flavell was reported by referee Chris Bannbridge on a charge of having punched Marshall Soper after the final whistle, and will be suspended from the match against Sydney Hakoah in Sydney on Saturday.

Soper, who had scored the winning goal — his 13th of the season — was punched to the ground as players were heading into the dressing rooms.

The match had been destined for a scoreless draw until Soper received a pin-point pass from Gary Phillips and belted a great shot across goalkeeper Richard Wilson, inside the far post.

It was a mistake by Flavell that contributed to that goal. He had the ball at his feet, but lost it to Phillips who quickly found Soper.

With Jim Patikas "burning" in a central position, Olympic caused Makedonia a state of concern. David Jones had to clear a header by Terry Patalis off the goal line, and goalkeeper Richard Wilson had to make desperate saves from Peter Katholos and Mike Coady.

Makedonia also had chances, though, which was a wonder considering that its forward line played with three individuals rather than a unit, and it rarely got support from the midfield.

Generally, however, Makedonia had to rely on centre backs David Jones and Peter

Laurie Schwab

Ollerton, and full back Ljube Petrovski to keep the Olympians at bay.

Makedonia played without George Todorovski who was injured. Peter Ollerton moved from attack to defence to take Todorovski's position as sweeper.

Claude Lucchesi made a surprise return to the team, even though it had seemed unlikely that he would play again, due to a dispute with the club.

Lucchesi has referred the dispute to his solicitors. He

objects to the club removing from his contract a clause stipulating a \$3000 maximum transfer fee. The clause has been removed as part of Lucchesi's punishment for missing two matches during an overseas business trip.

All the players support Lucchesi's stand. It was unfair of the club to see Lucchesi to choose between his career and soccer.

If Makedonia had weaknesses on Sunday, it did Olympic. Its defence was left exposed by the midfielders throughout the game, and it may have paid dearly had Makedonia moved forward in greater numbers, rather than relying on luck and the individual runs of Lucchesi, Campbell and McMillan.

Patikas, as I said earlier, was the outstanding player of the match, while Petrovski played his best game of the season for Makedonia.



West Adelaide Hellas Newcomer George Konstantopoulos rides a tackle by Marconi's Attilio Carbone. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Soccer Marconi style, there should be more of it

WA-Hellas 0 Marconi 0

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 1200.
Referee: Don Campbell 8.

Cautions: Brennan (West Adelaide).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8, McGregor 6, Hiern 7, Amey 6, Papazoglou 6, Brennan 6, Manou 6, Dunn 6, Honeyman 6, Brown 6 (Konstantopoulos 73), Heys 8. Coach: Alan Vest.

MARCONI: James 8, Bozanic 7, Henderson 8, Budini 8, Djordjevic 7, McCulloch 9, Sermanni 7, Carbone 7, Hunter 8, Winn 7, Licata 8 (Jankovics 72). Coach: Doug Collins.

One of the season's most baffling mysteries is why Marconi isn't in a position to challenge for the championship.

Of all the teams this year, Marconi has been the most exciting to watch.

It is committed to open football and clever ball skills. It's a total style of football which hasn't won the club as many games as it would have liked

but at least it hasn't lost any fans.

The burgeoning Marconi is reminiscent of its great teams of the past and the one that came so close to winning the first ever National League title.

How West Adelaide Hellas escaped a hiding is beyond me. Marconi never looked like losing although it made heavy weather of finding a decisive breakthrough. Its complete dominance wasn't indicative of the final scoreline.

Even without Youth Soccerers Joe Ruzotte and Rod Brown and the luxury of Mark Jankovics on the bench, Marconi still looked a class above a quality-deficient Hellas.

It seems a pity Marconi is to lose a player of the calibre of Tom McCulloch to foreign shores. He aptly demonstrated his ingenuity in the middle, combining superbly with Hunter and front-runner Licata, who continually turned the defence Papazoglou inside out but was luckless in front of goal.

It was surprising to see Doug Collins substitute Licata late in the game as he was by no means having a bad game. In contrast, there's little

that can be said of Hellas's performance except that it was forced to back-pedal for most of the game and watch Marconi go about its business.

West coach Alan Vest once more persevered with Robbie Dunn in a different role to the accustomed stopper position.

As a midfielder and occasionally a striker, Dunn was a resounding failure. But so too were Brennan and lumbering Chris Manou who seems to have filled out considerably since we last saw him in a first-team shirt.

Chances were few but Marconi had the best of the Ten minutes into the second half Bozanic had beaten an offside situation, although a linesman thought differently. Bozanic had clipped the ball over a wall, charged through and with the linesman's flag at a confusing half-mast stage, lobbed an easy chance over the bar.

Ten minutes later Amey committed a blunder that should have sealed Hellas's fate. A shocking backpass

went to Licata but he bungled the gift.

Marconi even managed to get the ball into the back of the net. After a goalmouth scramble, Hunter unleashed a drive that found its mark but

referee Don Campbell saw something that we in the stand didn't.

The blood of West Ad fans boiled minutes from the end when Campbell denied a penalty appeal after Dunn had gone down. A just decision, too, as Dunn was obviously looking for such an opportunity.

NEWCASTLE'S TITLE CHANCES BLOWN?

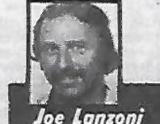
Newcastle 0 Heidelberg 0

Venue: Adamstown Oval.
Crowd: 3017.
Referee: Richard Lorena 8.
Cautions: 5th Yankos (H).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7, Kerby 6, Burke 7, Watson 6, Tredinnick 7, Lee 6, (Maier 76th), Senkalski 7, Mason 7, Jones 6, Mountford 6, Lowe 7.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McKie 6, Yankos 6, Macleod 7, Tanser 7, Salamidis (Petersen 18th, 61), Valentine 6, Campbell 7, Spanos 7, Lee 6, Cole 6.

A second successive scoreless draw seriously dented Newcastle's chances of taking out its first premiership. This time it was Heidelberg's turn to frustrate the local side in its search for the three points.



Joe Lanzoni

Recently appointed coach Jim Tansley brought Heidelberg to Newcastle intent to take away at least a point, and if one takes clear chances alone into consideration, he could have returned to Melbourne with three points.

But Newcastle would have been extremely unlucky to have lost the game after making all the play and holding a territorial advantage for most of the match.

Newcastle put together some promising moves, but did not manage to seriously test goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

Heidelberg's defence was solid with Charlie Yankos, playing a prominent part. The Australian representative after a settling-in period, took control of the defence and easily dealt with the stream of high balls that Newcastle continued to send his way.

It was a creditable result for Heidelberg especially considering that its lost Theo Salamidis after 18 minutes with a bad facial gash, the result of a clash of heads with Tredinnick.

Soccer around the world

Martin O'Neill, the Northern Ireland World Cup captain who rejected Norwich City's new contract terms, has joined Notts County for a bargain fee of only \$80,000 decided by the Transfer Tribunal.

Two Manchester City players, Bobby McDonald and Peter Bodak may be dismissed by new strong-arm boss Billy McNeill and lose their \$80,000 a year contracts after they were involved in a car accident in the early hours of the morning and before City were due to meet Blackpool in friendly.

Anderlecht striker Frank Vercauteren, after a recent

holiday in Italy, admits he has several interesting offers while there. But Anderlecht have made it clear they are losing Ludo Cock and Juan Lozano the Vercauteren must stay put for at least another year.

North American Professional League side Fort Lauderdale Strikers are the latest in financial trouble and reports suggest they may be taken over by a Minnesota franchise. Fort Lauderdale's star is Argentinian Ricky Villa, the Spurs Cup —

final here of 1981 who was freed by the London club last season. Villa may return to England or opt for Spain.

Spanish Second Division side Real Majorca who recently bought Norman Ireland's World Cup hero Gerry Armstrong from Watford are now in the hunt for former Danish international star Allan Simonsen who is still linked to Barcelona after an unhappy spell with Charlton last year.

O'Connor, Cotton relish new pitch

Wollongong 3 Adel City 1

Venue: Wollongong Showground.
Crowd: 1100.
Scorers: O'Connor (43rd, 88th), Cotton (59th), Mullen (75th).

Referee: Wilkinson 6.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8 — Willis 7, Dunleavy 9, Vietsara 7, Pollard 7 — McCreery 7, Gaffney 7, Ainsworth 7, Dickson 7, Cotton 8, O'Connor 9.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 — Shillabeer 6, Banfield 7, Flounders 7, Dods 6 — Villani 6, Melia 8, Blair 8, Carter 7 — Mullen 7, Rankin 6.

Wollongong strikers Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton sank Adelaide City with a devastating performance at Wollongong Showground. The two forwards, probably the best striking partnership in Australia, helped Wollongong to a resounding 3-1 win.

This was Wollongong's first home win of the season after an unsuccessful stint at Corrimal's Ziems Park which yielded only nine points from a possible 33.

And the Showground's better playing surface brought the best out of the Wollongong players who often complained of the poor quality of their former ground's pitch.

"We proved a point today," Wollongong coach Willie Wallace said.

The lads played their best football of the season because they enjoyed playing on a decent surface."

Adelaide City confirmed its reputation as a gifted side, especially in midfield where



Philip Micallef

Stuart Blair and Serge Melia were outstanding.

But Wollongong was more aggressive and adventurous and most of the first half action was in the City half.

After 12 minutes, Cotton beat McNally with a header but a defender cleared on the line amid hot Wollongong pressure.

But Vardareff was forced to make the save of the match when he tipped a rising shot from Melia over the bar.

Melia's ability to run into open spaces was one of the highlights of this match.

Two minutes from half time, Cotton swept past Flounders on the right and pulled the ball back for full back Willis to shoot at goal from the angle. O'Connor was in the right spot at the far post to stab the ball into the roof of the net from two metres out.

In a deadly counter-attack, O'Connor went away on the right, easily beat Dods and pinpointed a far post cross for Cotton who scored with a diving header.

City reduced the arrears 15 minutes from time with an equally marvellous break which was finished off by Mullen.

But two minutes from the end, O'Connor capped a very positive afternoon by scoring Wollongong's third with a marvellous shot from outside the area.

Roma dazzles, Olympiakos hold Ajax

The old magic of the European Cup was revived in dazzling fashion under the lights of Rome's Olympic Stadium last week as Italian champion Roma marked its first appearance in the competition with a superb 3-0 win over Gothenburg of Sweden.

Gothenburg, winner of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup in 1982 and no mean opponent, was left chasing shadows as Brazilian World Cup stars Falcao and Toninho Cerezo weaved their incomparable brand of sorcery.

Toninho Cerezo, immaculate throughout, crowned his European debut by scoring the third goal which was immediately acclaimed by the chant: "Brazil... Brazil... Brazil".

On this form, Roma may well go one better than Juventus which went down 1-0 to Hamburg in last year's final in Athens.

Hamburg, which received a bye, should be joined by a powerful looking lineup in the second round although Ajax Amsterdam, champion from 1971-73, unexpectedly was held to a goalless draw at home by Olympiakos of Greece.

England's Liverpool, winner in 1977, 1978 and 1981, also had a tough time against Odense in Denmark before winning 1-0.

However, arch-professional Liverpool showed that there is little room for fantasy in soccer when it took the first step towards regaining possession of the European Cup with a clinical win over the Danish champion.

The little town of Odense, birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen and the fairy tale capital of the world, was the scene of Liverpool's 60th European Cup tie.

But there was to be no happy ending for the plucky Danes. The three-times European champion scored through Kenny Dalglish in the 15th minute then settled back, secure in the knowledge that it surely will add to that tally in the second leg in two weeks' time.

Once upon a time, the first round first-leg ties in the three European competitions could be relied upon for shocks. But there were few surprises, although Soviet champion Dynamo Minsk would have been looking for something better than a slender 1-0 home victory over Switzerland's Grasshopper.

With holder Hamburg having received a first round bye, only Horst Hrubesch, who captained it to victory in last year's final against Juventus, was in action.

And Hrubesch, who moved to Standard Liege after Hamburg's triumph in Athens, made his presence felt by getting his name on the scoreline in the Belgians' 3-2 win over Athlone Town in Ireland.

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Hakoah, says Abonyi

By Ted Simmonds

SC-Hakoah 3 Canberra 0

Scorers: Mullen, Barnes, Kosmina.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: about 700.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pazzano 8, Mullen 9 (Goal 70th), Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, Cant 7 — Watson 7, Boden 7, Kay 7, Barnes 7 — Kosmina 8, Murray 6. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hummel 8 — Murray 6, Byrne 7, Walsh 6 (Young 6, 52nd), Ambrosino 6 — Cole 6, Stone 6, Bryant 6 — Gibson 5, Branigan 5, Farina 6. Coach: Attia Abonyi.

Sydney Hakoah had little more than a training run in scoring a 3-0 win over Canberra.

Hakoah led 2-0 at half time through goals by Kevin Mullen and Murray Barnes, with John Kosmina adding the third midway into the second session.

Hakoah, the defending champion, is now two points behind National League leader Makedonia and the two teams clash at the Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday.

Canberra coach Attia Abonyi, while disappointed at the failure of his team to make enough use of the ball, had little doubt about the ultimate league winner.

"The pressure is now really on Makedonia and I think Hakoah will win the competition by almost five points," he said.

Canberra almost scored from the kick-off when the ball was whipped to Tony Brennan and his cross found Frank Farina in the penalty box.

Farina powered a left foot drive at Tony Pezzano, which bounced off the keeper and was scrambled away by the defence.

Hakoah quickly recovered and took charge of the play, feeding the ball wide to Willie Murray and Joe Watson on the lines.

Ken Boden floated a corner across the face of the goal in the 20th minute which Canberra keeper Chris Hummel punched 20 metres to Mullen, who promptly hit it into the back of the net.

Barnes, eight minutes later, galloped down the left side, cut inside two defenders and hammered another 20-metre shot into the corner of the goal.

Most of the fire went out of Canberra and mistakes crept into its play as it tried to find a way through the tight defence.

Hummel made two brilliant fingertip saves from shots by Mullen early in the second half but had no answer in the 75th minute when Barnes found room on the left and his cross was slotted home by Kosmina.

It was Hummel's first match this season for the senior side after regular keeper Steve Hosowski was ruled out with an injured hand.

Canberra only had two shots at goal in the first half and had even less success in the second session.

Ken Boden, playing his second match in two weeks for Hakoah firsts, made a big difference to the attack and his control and delicate touch kept a steady flow of passes to Kosmina and the two wingers.

NSL team of the week

Number of appearances in team of the week in brackets.

BEVES (1) (Brisb. Lions)	MULLEN (1) (SC-Hakoah)	DUNLEAVY (2) (Wollongong)	YANKOS (7) (Hoid. Alexander)	DAVIDSON (5) (SM-Hellas)
MCCULLOCH (4) (Marconi)	P. TREDINNICK (4) (APIA)	SLATER (1) (StG. Budapest)	PATIKAS (1) (Syd. Olympic)	MARTON (3) (StG. Budapest)
			O'CONNOR (6) (Wollongong)	



St George Budapest coach Frank Arok (centre) toasts the 4-2 victory over Brisbane City with his stars, from left: Robbie Slater, Mark Barton, Paul Wilkinson and Dez Marton. Picture by Carlos Picasso.

Hermiston fumes, Marton magic!

Brisb. City 2 St George 4

Scorers, StG: Barton 14th Wilkinson 42nd, Marton 53rd and 72nd; BC: Cairney 55th, Liddell 90th.

Venue: Spencer Park.

Crowd: about 1500.

Cautions: Liddell (BC).

Referee: Dave Nugent 9.

City: Wishart 6, Caird 5, Perry 8, Liddell 7, Wilkinson 6, Pimblett 5, Williamson 5, Fabrizio 7, Hamilton 8, Bromfield 6, (Falco 63rd), Cairney 7.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 7, Skeen 8, J. O'Shea 6, Petkovski 6, M. O'Shea 7, Barton 8, Stone 8, R. O'Shea 7, Slater 9, Marton 9 (Danaszkos 82nd), Wilkinson 8.

In a rare outburst, the quietly-spoken Jim Hermiston blasted his players after Brisbane City was outclassed 4-2 by St George at Spencer Park.

In an after-match lecture which could clearly be heard outside the dressing room, Hermiston attacked his players for lack of commitment.

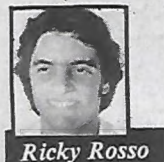
"You are a team that has so much more, why don't you give it?" Hermiston asked his players.

"You must start believing in yourselves — you must start wanting to do it."

Hermiston said later he was bitterly disappointed with many of his players, some of whom he claimed were not interested in the ball.

"They were a good side and I wouldn't mind losing to a good side if I knew we gave it our best try. But in the end there were some players who just could not be bothered."

City was run ragged by the exciting St George soccer show which in this match gave one of its crowning performances.



Ricky Rosso

Despite the absence of Dave Ratcliffe, St George played with the precision of a machine but the flair of an artiste.

Through wingers Rob Slater and Dez Marton they utilised every spare space of Spencer Park while City roamed around its home park like a mob of mindless sheep.

And such a performance was so unnecessary, for as Hermiston said, the City team is capable of so much more.

On the odd occasion in this match the team did put it together, led by workers Bob Hamilton, Luciano Fabrizio and Frank Liddell and talented performances from Joe Cairney and Steve Perry. City showed it could match St George.

But they were only brief spells.

The Sydneysiders created three good chances inside the first 10 minutes and with front runners Wilkinson, Slater and Marton interchanging with each attack, the City defence was in confusion.

Caird and Wilkinson were particularly vulnerable to the speed of Slater and Marton and the dangerous overlapping of David Skeen.

It was a break from Slater in the 11th minute which led to what was an inevitable goal.

Slater got behind Wilkinson and cut a low cross back from the byline. Wilkinson overran the ball but the tireless Mark Barton, among St George's best on the day, glided in to slot the ball past Wishart.

Slowness by City players to get back in defence was highlighted when St George went

two up just before half-time. David Skeen broke quickly from defence and streaked through the City midfield totally unchallenged.

With George Caird nowhere to be seen, Barton pushed wide to Marton in 20 years of space. He crossed deep, a ball which Wishart should have taken, but instead it fell for the unmarked Wilkinson who only had to allow it to hit his head and go into the net.

Wilkinson set up City's first goal by playing a speculative high job into the St George penalty box. The absence of Dave Ratcliffe was highlighted when Cairney was allowed to run free onto the ball, which John O'Shea possibly thought was close enough to Greedy.

Although in the end the ball went in off Cairney's knee, he did well to get a ball which was coming down from a great height from behind him. The goal capped a promising performance from the lithe Scot who is relishing his second chance in the City team after playing much of the year in reserves.

But for sheer goal magic nothing could be taken away from Dez Marton's next two efforts which sealed the game for St George.

The first was a rocket-like volley after good lead-up work from Slater and Wilkinson and the next an even more powerful freekick that smashed against the underside of the crossbar and into the goal.

Both goals were exhibitions of superb finishing and highlighted once again what a valuable match winner the ageless Marton can be.

Frank Liddell finished off the six-goal tally by scooping in a pass by Williamson from the near post but the goal will have to last him for at least one week.

Liddell was cautioned by referee Dave Nugent, who I thought had a fine game, and will be suspended for City's clash with Marconi this weekend.

Fears about Xanthopoulos

SM-Hellas 2 Brisb Lions 1

Scorers: 1-0 Brown 19m, 2-0 Egan 68m, 2-1 Daunt 82m Ground: Middle Park Attendance: 3500 (estimate)

Referee: Sam Zoumas 6

Cautions: Blair

Hellas: Laumets 7; Russell 7, Blair 7, Ysendoorn 7, Davidson 9; Murphy 7, Halford 7, Crino 8; Egan 7, Brown 8, Wooddin 7. Coach: Len McKendry

BRISBANE LIONS: Beves 9; McSkimming 6, Hunter 6, Vasquez 8, Niven 7; Vincent 6, J. Stewart 6, R. Stewart 6, Hogg 8 (Anderson 61m); Wright 7, Daunt 6. Coach: Simon Kistemaker.



Peter Desira

needs is one more casualty to shatter all thoughts of a title win.

As it was, Hellas survived a minor scare when Charlie Egan turned an ankle and pulled out of training on Thursday night.

McKendry hushed the whole thing up and Egan managed not only to see the game out but also to score only his second goal in the past eight matches.

And how vital his 68th minute effort turned out to be, despite the fact that Hellas dominated this game for long periods.

Lions, after being reduced to defending in depth for most of the second half, pulled a goal out of nothing eight minutes from the end and turned the match into a really tight finish.

Calvin Daunt scored their goal, finding acres of room outside the box from a move worked down the right by Clark Anderson and Danny Wright.

Three minutes after that goal Lions almost levelled when a cross from Anderson was met on the volley by Russell Stewart and Laumets needed two bites to finally save.

But a draw would have been an injustice, going on the number of chances Hellas had created earlier in the game.

Lions sweeper Rod Vasquez made a goal line clearance of

an Egan header and Oscar Crino controlled the rebound only to blast over the bar before Hellas hit the lead in the 19th minute.

Doug Brown was involved at the start of the move exchanging passes with Alan Davidson, then moving into the box to slam the final shot home after the ball had been waded into the area via Crino and Egan.

The goal was Brown's ninth in the past nine matches and brought his tally for the season to 12, one behind leading NSL scorer Marshall Soper.

The goalpost denied a Kenny Murphy shot with Brett Beves beaten, before Egan added to the score in the 68th minute.

Murphy provided the cross from the right to the far post and Egan turned past a defender to hammer home.

Beves distinguished himself with the save of the match in the 74th minute.

Brown latched onto a poor back-header from Alan Hunter, slipped his marker and then had only the keeper to beat, but Beves had come off his line well and spread himself to smother the fierce shot.

Cup final

The National Soccer League has set November 14 as the date for its Player of the Year presentation night to be held at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel.

The date will enable players and officials to stay over in Melbourne after the second leg of the National Cup Final at Olympic Park on November 13.

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APIA 2 Foots JUST 0

Goals: Bradley, Tredinnick Ground: Lambert Park Crowd: 2,500 Referee: J. Ravos 8

Yellow card: I. Hazabent

APIA — LEICHHARDT: Parks 7, Carter 6, (Ivan Edmond 66), Mariani 8, Bertagna 7, Brown 7, Butler 7, Gray 6, Tredinnick 5, Valeri 6, Bradley 8, Sharne 5.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. Boland 7, Curovic 7, Kyriakoulas 6, Tuzil 7, Hazabent 7, McDowell 8, Belic 7, O'Donnell 7, Carroll 6, Paton 5, Lujic 7.

J.U.S.T. ended its ten-game unbeaten run at Lambert Park but only after some stubborn resistance which almost took one point back to Melbourne.

In fact the difference between the two sides can be seen in the effectiveness by the two central strikers on the day John Bradley for APIA and Jamie Paton for J.U.S.T.

While Bradley scored one and set up the other for Tredinnick, Paton was kept quiet for most of the match and even when all seemed set for Paton to score, he messed it up.

After an eventful first 10 minutes during which we saw Dennis Boland keep J.U.S.T.'s net intact with one brilliant save and Bradley hit the post with a header, the game developed into a tough midfield battle with Gary McDowell and Brian O'Donnell getting the better of the exchanges.

J.U.S.T. looked good enough to take at least a point, with McDowell almost scoring in the 13th with a superb 16-metre drive which was cleared off the line by Tredinnick, then a Jamie Paton header from only six metres was saved by Parks in the 42nd minute.

After the interval the two sides looked set for a point each until a freak goal by Bradley broke the deadlock. Boland miscued his clearance and it hit Kyriakoulas to rebound to Bradley on the 16-metre line and one of the nearest jobs followed to give APIA the lead.

Alex Vesic

With 14 minutes to go Bradley was on the spot again to beat some three J.U.S.T. players before pushing it to Tredinnick to score with a powerful drive from 16 metres.

It is worth noting that APIA could have had this game in the bag early in the second half but for some horrible misses by Peter Sharne. It just was not his day. He missed soon after the restart, then crashed one over the bar after Valeri's header had rebounded off the bar!

And while nothing went right for Sharne, one could hardly go past Bradley and Tredinnick for their efforts as well as McDowell, Lujic and O'Donnell for JUST.

McDowell certainly put his mark on this match and made life horribly difficult for Terry Butler, an experienced APIA campaigner. He was strong in the air and determined to fight to the end. He was ably supported by O'Donnell, particularly during the first period.

As for Zdravko Lujic, well, he is still one of the best in the land, giving young Carter problems which no player has been able to create at Lambert Park. It was unfortunate for the visitors that the final punch was sadly missing.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB



Ray Pocock

Ray Pocock slipped away to Queensland last week to get married, after having lifted Western Suburbs back into the State League.

While players and club leaders celebrated their triumph, the man who had made it possible wasn't even there to savor the taste of glory.

According to Wests president Savvas Kagioglou, Pocock gave the team an "80 per cent lift" after joining from Heidelberg-Bundoora for the last 10 games of the season. What a bargain! His transfer fee was only \$400.

"He gave our attacking line his great experience and he contributed to the feeling of

Kagioglou heaps praise on Pocock

close friendship between the players," Kagioglou said this week.

It was while Pocock was player-coach of Western Suburbs in 1979 that Wests gained their first promotion to the State League. The team in 1979 included none other than the great Greek international Mimis Papaioannou.

Pocock wanted to avoid the pressures of State League coaching, so he left Wests to become player-coach of Bell Park, which also won promotion under him.



Coach Jim Kondilis

But Sunshine City, the club for which he played about 300 games, finally persuaded him to try his hand at State League coaching in 1982 — albeit with a "joint coach", Steve Gaw. When Sunshine amalgamated with George Cross, Pocock switched to Heidelberg-Bundoora, until returning to Ralph Reserve to help lift Wests to the First Division championship.

He brought with him the talent and the wiles developed in a long and glorious career, during which he:

- played with Crystal Palace under 18 team in England, scoring 34 goals one year;

- Scored 29 goals and was named "Soccer News" 1970 Player of the Year during two and a half years with Melbourne-Hungaria;

- Scored 88 goals in just under three seasons with Canterbury-Marrickville which won promotion to the NSW State League while he was there;

- Scored 14 goals in 21 games with Marconi;

- Played for Australia against an Auckland XI in 1973.

- Played for Victoria against Toyo Kogyo of Japan and the touring English FA in 1971.

But there were other heroes of Wests' championship triumph this year.

Wests back in



Those who deserve pride of place are president Kagioglou and coach Jim Kondilis, who have served the club with devotion for almost 20 years.

Kagioglou, goalkeeper with South Melbourne Hellas from 1963 to 1968, was Wests' first coach after the club amalgamated with ICI Deer Park. He coached for four years and during that time, Wests were promoted three times.

Proprietor of South Sunshine Kitchens, Kagioglou has been club president for three years.

Kondilis played in the Greek Second Division before coming to Australia, and he played in goal for Wests from 1967 until as recently as last year, when he stood in as reserve "keeper". On the field, Wests benefited greatly from the purchase of Frank Mussel from Sunshine

City for only \$850, 11 games before the end of the season.

"He was the best midfielder in the First Division, by far," Kagioglou said, "and he's also a very good person — a fine character."

Mussel's midfield partner was Andy Esposito who was recruited from the George Cross reserves. He is the brother of Ralph Esposito who played for Polonia.

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PLAYERS FEES BE SLASHED

Expect big changes on the club scene next year — at least in Sydney. The majority of the clubs — if not all of them — are likely to scrap player contracts and signing-on fees.

The Sydney clubs already have discussed such a plan informally and an agreement is almost certain.

The sad truth is that clubs no longer can afford such guaranteed incomes, sometimes in the vicinity of \$10,000 a year.

From 1984, most clubs will prefer to pay increased win and "crowd" bonuses rather than blindly entering into contracts which have swept many of them to the verge of insolvency.

This, naturally, will be resented by the players. For the past 25 years or so, they have been used to a more pampered existence.

Big signing-on fees were seldom, if ever, financially justified — but the affluent clubs didn't care as the social club revenues made it possible for them to make irrational decisions.

No longer, the social clubs are struggling, revenues are sharply down — and soccer takings have fallen to an all-time low.

This change to tighter economic management is certain to cause a

few problems for coaches. Many players, especially the more experienced ones, will think twice before sacrificing four or even three nights of their week for vigorous training.

I easily can foresee quite a number of current stars, close to 30, quitting NSW clubs and continuing their soccer with amateur clubs where they may earn even less — but one training night a week is all they have to undertake.

This, in turn, will strengthen the various NSW Federation clubs who will gain top experienced players who would be normally well outside their reach.

Even the overall standards may suffer temporarily and this is the only truly frightening aspect of the likely proposed switch to tighter economic management.

However, at the same time, a host of very talented young players suddenly will get their chance to fill vacancies in NSW teams.

These have not yet been spoiled and may be keen enough to soldier on under a new system with reduced income possibilities.



By ANDREW DETTRE

Talking of training schedules and frequencies: St George supremo Frank Arok is experimenting — as usual — with something dramatically new.

Arok wants to hold his team's last training session of the week on Saturday afternoons — 24 hours before the match — and not Fridays. Provided, of course, that the players agree to "lose" their precious weekend day.

"It's been proved physiologically that the 'energy reserve' in the muscles and tissues can be stored for no more than 24 hours," he says.

"If you train on Friday and play on Sunday, very little of that reserve can be saved. But within a 24-hour span, almost all of it is kept and can be released in a burst."

"We have tried this with the youth team — and it worked."

"Of course, in individual sports such as athletics, swimming, tennis and others, this has been known for years; these sportsmen even train a few hours before their

actual event — and certainly just two days before.

"I cannot see why soccer should be different, why we must stick to a tradition if research data available to show us the way."

Still on the subject of coal (No, I am NOT obsessed with them, it's just that they happen to be newsworthy this week).

I read with some sadness the ported comments of Wollong coach Willie Wallace in which indirectly maligned St. Geo veteran star Dez Marton.

If the quotes were right, W said that it was a poor reflection on the NSW, at 34 (35?) could be still regarded a star.

First of all, Marton is still most polished and accomplished striker in the NSW. Many claim he's the best since the Baumgartner.

None of our current in nationals have or will ever be his control, balance, star speed, shooting power, vision perception. He is in international class.

Goals galore, I

Ex-Newcastle KB United and Sumner has justified the lucrative financially rewarding in New Zealand across the Tasman, by leading Zealand National League title.

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State League



Terry Banagan (ex-Sunshine Brighton ICL Tas), accompanied Pocock from Heidelberg-Bundoora but played only a few matches, although he may win a more regular position in the senior team next year, according to Kagioglou.
Let's go through the rest of the team:
BILL JOHNSON, goalkeeper, formerly with Sunshine

and Albion Rovers, has played for the Metropolitan League representative team.

ANDY ESPOSITO, midfielder, recruited from Sunshine City.

GEORGE BORG, right back, joined from George Cross reserves three years ago.

HUGH HOWE, sweeper, former Sunshine defender who joined three seasons ago.

STEVE DIMOVSKI, stopper or midfielder, from juniors.

GEORGE LEKAS, left back, from juniors.

BRENDAN FARMER, midfielder or striker, joined from George Cross.

DOMINIC GILBERTO, only 17, highly promising player from juniors.

STEWART GILMOUR, forward, ex-Slavica and Sunshine.

SAVVA SMATHEOU, defender, from juniors.

Western Suburbs, champions of the Victorian First Division, from left, back row: Jim Kondilis (coach), Sam Mathieu, Andy Esposito, Paris Tsabatzi, George Lekas, Frank Mussel, Steve Dimovski, Chris Konstantinidis, Dominic Gilberto, John Goulios, Savvas Kagioglou (president), Con Maikoussis (team manager). Front: Fotis Alexopoulos, Tim Papachristodoulou, Stewart Gilmour, Bill Johnson, Hugh Howe, Brendan Farmer, George Borg. Not pictured: Bill Bouzas.

CHRIS KONSTANTINIDIS, midfielder from juniors.
JOHN KOULOS, midfielder, from juniors.
FOTIS ALEXOPOULOS, goalkeeper, from St Albans juniors.

PARIS TSABAZIS, defender Victorian youth rep.
Backed by a committee including secretary, Ivan Iakovou and team manager Con Maikoussis, Western Suburbs are much better equipped this time than the last time they entered State League.

TOM PAPACHRISTODOULOU, midfielder, from juniors.
BILL BOUZAS, striker, only 18, expected to be a sensation at centre forward next season.

Sunshine Council has improved the Ralph Reserve pitch, it has fenced the ground fully, and spent \$160,000 on new dressing rooms.

Now the club will ask for covering at the side of the building, and will look around for two or three strong players perhaps to lead Wests to the State League championship in 1984.

Last time, Wests lasted for only a season in the State League, finishing second-last and being relegated along with Slavica, after coaching stints by Jim Pyrgiolos and Jim Kondilis.

Back in the First Division.

the club recruited Billy Vojtek as player-coach. Vojtek had been player-coach of Ajax, leading that club to victory in the Ampol Cup.

In his first season with Wests — 1981 — the club finished third behind Polonia and Albion Rovers.

It also finished third last year, behind Fawkner and Box Hill, before Vojtek switched to St Albans where, as player coach, he has helped the Saints win promotion to the First Division.



West's goalkeeper Billy Johnson takes the ball above team-mates Frank Mussel (centre) and Stewart Gilmour.



Western Suburbs ICI, 1969, from left, back row: Savvas Kagioglou (coach), Dimitrios Papachalis, George Maikoussis, Jim Kondilis, Charlie Adamidis, Frank Bradley, Steve Collier. Front: Dimitrios Lolios, Nick Adamidis, Frank Testa, Daxi Kypirtidis, Danny Mehrose.

TO !

Secondly, Willie Wallace is right: it's depressing to realise that none of our best youngsters now hailed as "stars" can be seriously compared with Marton's overall ability.

But why is it a "sad reflection" on the NSL? Why not on the coaches of today and yesterday who, in the past 30 years, have never produced a single solitary "Marton" for Australian soccer?

Thirdly, Willie should be well aware that in modern sport age is not a vital factor. If West Ham can lead the English League with two veterans OLDER than Marton — Bond and Brookings — if a 32-year-old Czech woman runner can break world records on the track and if a 62-year-old potato farmer can beat people half his age in a super-marathon run, why is the 34-year-old regarded as an antique piece?

Marton will shine — because of his superb skills — as long as his legs will carry him.

As did Willie Wallace when he was with APIA.

And lastly — Willie's comments about Marton came at an amazingly inopportune time.

Marton, with his two goals and brilliant scheming, was the architect of the Saints' 4-0 win over Wallace's Wollongong.

Wouldn't it be better to heap praise on a uniquely talented veteran after such a match rather than devalue the whole NSL standard?

le for Sumner

at Adelaide Hellas player Steve Intract, believed to be the most soccer history, which lured him from Adelaide to the Rothman's New

at Dunedin City in the penultimate in at the head of the ladder.

has been considerable, being the currently it's top goalscorer, with

1 to a season which commenced stand captaincy.



Willie Wallace



David Skeen

WALLACE TO QUIT

Coch Willie Wallace will leave Wollongong City at the end of the 1983 season.

Wallace, whose one-year contract with the Wolves expires at the end of October, had declared he will not apply for next year's position. This declaration comes after strong criticism from the club's foundation members of Wallace's failure to get results in 1983. The members claimed Wallace had failed to create a professional atmosphere within the club.

They also urged the club board to appoint a local coach next year because Wallace allegedly had neglected local talent and the club had lost its Wollongong identity, it was claimed.

Wollongong is expected to make a call for applications shortly.

"The club has said nothing to me so far but if they want to advertise the position it means they are not interested in me any more," Wallace said.

Club secretary John Vlietstra said the club was bound to abide by the wishes of its fans.

"And if the message is loud and clear we have to respect their demands," Vlietstra said.

But the Wollongong secretary said Wallace was not to blame for Wollongong's dismal record in 1983.

Wollongong is struggling to avoid the wooden spoon after finishing third in the 1982 championship.

"Our main aim this year was the survival of the club," Vlietstra said.

"And consequently, Wallace was forced to work with a limited budget and a small playing staff."

Meanwhile, Wollongong is making a strong bid to draw several Sydney-based Illawarra players back to the region. And the powerful St.

George fullback David Skeen is its main target.

Skeen, who lives in suburban Wollongong, said he would "love to return" to the city where he played his first football.

But St George Manager Frank Arok said he would only part with Skeen for a fee of \$20,000.

"Skeen is one of my most reliable players and Wollongong would have to come up with \$20,000 to get him," Arok said.

The high transfer fee seems a bit too much for the financially-hit club but Vlietstra said he had every reason to believe both parties would be able to reach a compromise.

Wollongong is also expected to make a bid for Sydney City pair Paul Kay and Graham Fletcher.

— PHILIP MICALFE

Hamburg v. Gremio for World Cup

By PAUL MOON

The 1983 Copa Libertadores winner, Gremio of Porto Alegre, and current European Champions' Cup holder SV Hamburg, will meet on December 11 in Tokyo to contest the 4th Toyota Cup which must now be the most coveted prize in world club soccer.

The trophy, whose destination is determined after a single game in neutral Japan, superseded the scandal-stricken World Club Championship in 1980. The original was played on a home and away basis and is remembered primarily for the foul play it provoked.

This will be the first time that a non-English team travels to Tokyo to represent Europe. Hamburg will be hoping to emulate arch rival Bayern Munich, which was the last side from the old world to be proclaimed as inter-continental champion when it defeated Brazil's Cruzeiro in 1976.

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High noon Sunday, Ajax can do it

High noon for Laurie Schwab and Les Shorrock falls a bit late on Sunday. By almost five hours. For come 5 pm, they'll owe me money, their punishment for backing Croatia to win the 1983 State League championship.

Gully has to beat Doveton at Waratah Reserve to win its third successive title. Gully will win, despite the startling humility suddenly appearing from the green and white camp. Team manager Mario Borg told me last Sunday that this will be an extremely tough match and the Gully lads will have to be really ready for it.

Mario, I understand the psychology behind your attitude, but you've no need to worry. After all, if you fail, you don't have to leave the country like this reporter will be forced to. You simply can say that two out of three ain't bad.

Croatia will keep the heat on Gully by beating disapproving Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. The Polish backed outfit needs about four new players to be a real top prospect. Should Polonia defy the odds and win a place in the 1984 NSL, it would need at least six newcomers to maintain its newfound status.

Come back Donald Brownlie. This is forgiven. That should be the cry echoing around Wembley Park, for the Box Hill stopper was sorely missed against Sunshine-George Cross last weekend. With big Brownlie back and Richard Miranda in midfield, the Hillmen have much needed bite for their trip to Croyd on Sunday and will make a game of it. However, I expect the home side to come out on top.

Sunshine-George Cross should be too well drilled, too powerful for Morwell Falcons at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday. Carl Gilder will be available after suspension but he's going to find it hard to break back into the forward line after the efforts of Mick McGorian, Norrie Pate and Roger Bain last Sunday. Don't get me wrong, I think that Gilder is the best target man in State League, however combine coach Tommy Traynor may find it hard to fit his top flight striker into the starting line-up here.

Juventus will finish the league season on a winning note against the great improver of recent weeks - Hugh Murney's Albion Rovers - at Olympic Park on Sunday. But it won't be easy for the black and whites as Albion have been fighting tooth and nail for every point. Nevertheless, the quality of Graham French,



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Fabio Incantalo, Kevin Lloyd and Jim Nelson should be enough to pip Rovers. The basement battle between South Melbourne Hellas and Ringwood Wilhelmnia at Middle Park on Saturday should end in a draw as should Sunday's Smith Reserve contest between the Cedro Cirkovic-led Fawknor and Tony Vrzina's Northcote. But Fawknor had better beware. Jim Sahindis is back in the Northcote line-up and his pace and dribbling skills may cause problems for Fawknor's defence.

SATURDAY
S.M. Hellas v Ringwood Wilhelmnia (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
Polonia v CROATIA at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.
Doveton v G.G. AJAX at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.

Fawknor v Northcote (draw) at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v Morwell Falcons at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

JUVENTUS v Albion Rovers at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.
CROYDON v Box Hill at Croyd Park, 3 pm.



Talented young Croatia midfielder Steve Gojovic - voted best field against Doveton last Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Northcote star Steve Moore

BROGAN KEEPS CROATIA IN WITH A CHANCE

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Parton 51st, Brogan penalty 71st) **DOVETON 1** (Stirton penalty 53rd) at Olympic Park NO. 1, Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Hannah 7, Parton 6, Keith Adams 7, Blower 7 - Bickie 7, Faulkner 7, Antolovic 7, Gojovic 6 - Brogan 7, Cumming 7 (Curcio 74th). **COACH:** John Gardner.

DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Watson 7, Corko 7, Buchanan 7, McLeod 7 - Waterhouse 6 (Barlett 77th), Thurlow 6, Miller 6 - Webster 6, Stirton 7, M. Lennon 7. **COACH:** Hammy McMeachen.

This wasn't one of Croatia's more impressive efforts, nevertheless a penalty converted by David Brogan in the 71st minute made him the club's leading scorer this year but far more importantly, kept the title race open.

Croatia must beat Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday to force Ajax to down the Doves at Waratah Reserve on the same day. A draw at Waratah and a win to Croatia, will give the championship to John Gardner's men.

Croatia had a good chance to open its account against Doveton in the 4th minute. The ball fell to Steve Gojovic from a Josp Bickie corner but Gojovic's first time shot from close range was well parried wide by Doveton keeper Sean Keogh.

Croatia broke through in the 51st minute when Jeff Faulkner's cross from the right was misjudged by Keogh, allowing Sean Parton to slide the ball in at the far post.

Just two minutes later the Doves equalised. Ante Bilaver gave the ball away to Peter Thurlow down Dove-

ton's right side. Peter Blasby fumbled and finally failed to find Thurlow's cross. Keith Adams, cleared, but only to Josp Bickie whose shot was handled by Faulkner and the resultant penalty was tucked away by Ian Stirton.

The goal that mattered also came from the penalty spot. That's where most of the action in the 71st minute when Faulkner played the ball long down the left. Cumming broke inside, was felled, and Brogan's conversion gave Croatia a valuable two points from a scrappy, disappointing contest.

McGorian's might crushes Hillmen

BOX HILL 0 **SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 4** (McGorian 9th, 43rd, Scarri 18th, Richardson 52nd) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Scholten 4 - K. Patterson 6 (Inj. Lawler N.T. 6), I. Roodhouse 7, A. Robinson 7, A. Roodhouse 7 - Hughes 6, Tolmie 5, Ramon 5 (Inj. McDonald 80th) - Stevenson 2, Privately 5, Keenan 5. **COACH:** Bill Murray.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Connel 7 - McKinnay 7, O'Reilly 8, Scarri 7, Taylor 8 - Stevenson 7, Richardson 7, G. Bennett 8 - McGorian 2, Pate 8, Bain 7. **COACH:** Tommy Traynor.

An insipid Box Hill, sadly lacking the aggression of suspended midfielder Richard Miranda and stopper Don Brownlie, wasted in the reserves, was no match for Sunshine-George Cross which could have run up a far more impressive scoreline during a dominant display.

Mick McGorian and Steve Richardson made it clear early which side was going to come out on top in any physical clashes and frankly, some Box Hill players looked disinterested for the remainder of the game.

The combine, after asserting its physical superiority, proceeded to play some fine interpassing football and ran out a very easy winner.

Paul Lewis of Ajax hammered in four goals against Hellas last Sunday to give him 30 league goals so far, 10 more than nearest rival David Brogan of Croatia. Lewis has Ametco Travel's Top Scorer award all wrapped up and may add to his tally against Doveton at Waratah Reserve this weekend.

This is the second successive year that Lewis has been league State League scorer and the third successive year that a Green Gully Ajax player has won the honor. Gus Macleod was leading scorer in 1981.

Lewis wins a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

The voting in our Player of the Year award is conducted on a 3-2-1 basis for each State League game. Here are this week's votes:

ALBION V HELLAS: 3 Paul Lewis (A); 2 Vassallo (A); 1 Williams (A).

N O R T H C O T E V CROYDON: 3 Hobart (C); 2 G. Macleod (C), 1 Culina (N).

WILHELMINIA V FAWKNER: 3 Burton (W); 2 Pena (W); 1 Verniers (W).

CROATIA V DOVETON: 3 Gojovic (C); 2 Thurlow (D); 1 Webster (D).

BOX HILL V S.G. CROSS: 3 McGorian (SGC); 2 G. Bennett (SGC); 1 Pate (SGC).

MORWELL V JUVENTUS: 3 French (J); 2 Train (M); 1 G. Bannan (J).

POLONIA V ALBION: 3 F. Macleod (A); 2 Smart (A); 1 Coyle (A).

PROGRESSIVE VOTES: 35 - Moore (Northcote); 29 - Cumming (Croatia); 27 - Bird (Juventus); 21 - Kalitaidis (Hellas); 20 - Tuffield (Fawknor); 19 - Peter Lewis (Ajax), Mita (Polonia).

LEADING SCORERS: 30 - Paul Lewis (Ajax); 20 - Brogan (Croatia); 19 - Cumming (Croatia); 17 - Smallman (Ajax); 12 - McGuinness (Morwell).

TONY BOGGI

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with two good saves to deny Norrie Pate but when the damage had been done. Combine stopper Steve Scarri made it 2-0 in the 18th minute after Scholten's ineffective attempt to punch clear from a floated free kick by John Stevenson. Scarri mistimed his shot, nevertheless, the ball trickled past a defender on the line and into goal.

Stevenson's superb disposal presented Jim O'Reilly with a free header at the back post in the 29th minute but the combine sweeper mistimed his jump and headed wide.

Pate shot straight at Scholten in the 42nd minute. The ball bounced off the goalie's chest and John Gabrielson made a desperate attempt to block Roger Bain getting on to the rebound. The ball trundled toward goal but was cleared off the line.

The linesman ignored Box Hill appeals for a throw-in a minute later and Chris Taylor charged down the left. He played the ball forward to McGorian who surged into the area, sent Ian Roodhouse the wrong way, then struck a low shot from an angle, past Scholten and inside the near post to make it 3-0.

Kyle Patterson's injured ankle forced him to come off at half time. On came Donovan Lawler as sweeper, the position occupied by Ian Roodhouse in the first half, with Roodhouse reverting to his customary right back role.

Not that it made an ounce of difference. The combine still outplayed the home team and although adding just one goal to the scoreline, created at least six great chances.

Steve Richardson climbed all over Ray Tolmie in the 52nd minute to head home goal number four.

In the end, it all came a bit too easy for Sunshine-George Cross, so much so that Pate and McGorian looked casual when presented with scoring opportunities. McGorian set up Pate three times and had chances for himself to notch what would have been a thoroughly deserved hat-trick but failed to do so.

Boggi defends the Falcons

Tony Boggi and the committee of Victorian State League club Morwell Falcons are up in arms over recent press reports branding the Latrobe Valley outfit as big spenders and getting a poor return for their outlay this year.

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Don DiFabrizio, Morwell President, estimates that the social club complex is worth about \$700,000 on today's market. Like Boggi, DiFabrizio is unhappy about press criticism of his club and he points out that about \$40,000 was spent this year on social club improvements with a further \$17,000 spent on floodlighting.

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ALBION	19	5	1	65	10	43
CROATIA	20	2	3	70	13	42
JUVENTUS	18	4	3	53	19	40
CROYDON	12	6	7	42	29	30
Polonia	10	6	9	37	33	26
Sunsh. G. Cross	11	3	11	41	34	25
Box Hill	10	4	11	33	39	24
Fawknor	10	4	11	37	49	24
Northcote	9	4	12	33	45	22
Morwell Falcons	8	5	12	26	42	21
Doveton	7	3	15	29	44	17
Albion Rovers	6	5	14	16	39	17
Wilhelmina	5	2	18	22	57	12
Hellas	1	5	19	22	73	7

Hellas unlucky?

GREEN GULLY AJAX 8 (Paul Lewis 6th, 25th, 71st, penalty 85th, Vassallo 29th, Cannell 69th, Smallman 76th, 80th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0** at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Danya 8 - Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 7, Short 8, Hughes 8 - Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Williams 8 - Toal 8, Smallman 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Turudija 6 - Kallad 6, Kalitaidis 6, Vardaxis 6 (sent off 85th), Kalladakis 6 - Bekiaris 6, Kalladakis 7, Patselidou 6, Abraham 6 - Cummings 7, Kalantaris 6. **COACH:** Jim Armstrong.

No-one ever can accuse Hellas coach Jim Armstrong of not having a sense of humor. The former star striker was

walking up the players race at the end of this drubbing alongside Ajax's Peter Lewis who said: "You were unlucky there Jimmy, there was nothing in it." Armstrong took its all in his stride.

And if not for some superb saves from young goalkeeper Mark Turudija, Ajax could have scored at least 12 here.

1-0, 6th minute: David Smallman drives in a low free kick. Paul Lewis beats a defender and shoots past helpless Turudija.

2-0, 25th: Boyle to Paul Lewis, who turns past a defender and scores with a shot from 10 metres.

3-0, 29th: Paul Lewis sets up Willie Vassallo who virtually runs the ball in.

4-0, 69th: Bobby Toal gets possession on the right, skates past an opponent and crosses far post for stopper Stuart Cannell to head in.

5-0, 71st: Paul Lewis is put in possession by a fine Williams ball from the left and strikes it into the far corner.

6-0, 76th: Williams again, this time sending over a superb far post cross for play-off coach Smallman who heads home well.

7-0, 80th: Williams yet again, also from the left. He crosses to the post now and Smallman controls neatly then slams the ball past Turudija.

8-0, 85th: Peter Vardaxis argues that he was pulled off balance by Paul Lewis. Vardaxis has handled inside his area and referee Jim Pokianos has placed the ball on the penalty spot. Vardaxis kicks the ball away, still arguing, and is sent off. Paul Lewis converts from the spot.

Docherty slams Dickson

For sale: \$2,000 worth of soccer merchandise. Has played over 300 first team games in the Scottish Leagues. Been in Victorian soccer for two seasons. Recently dumped by Albion Rovers. Interested buyers contact Peter Dickson on 529 5383.

That's the outcome of last week's story in "Soccer Action" on sacked Albion striker Peter Dickson, who finally fronted the VSF tribunal last week and was suspended till the end of this season, which means that the former Scottish international will be available to play next year for any club of his choice, with the price of a \$2,000 transfer fee.

Dickson claimed in last week's "Soccer Action" that he still was owed money by Albion. His team manager, Joe Docherty, responded:

"Peter Dickson is lucky that we let him stay in the country until October, when his visa expires. If I had had my way, we would have sent him home after he was sent off against Croyd," said Docherty.

"And as for his comments that people had told him that he was going to be deported - what a lot of rubbish. These comments certainly didn't come from Albion. We've informed the Immigration Department that we won't be renewing his visa after it runs out in October but if he can find another club then that's his business."

If Dickson can't find a new club soon, Albion will pay for his fare back to Scotland. According to Docherty, Dickson hasn't exactly fitted in well at Albion, the club he joined earlier this year, after being imported by Green Gully Ajax in 1982.

"As far as I'm concerned, Dickson has broken his contract. He's been cautioned nine times, served two weeks of suspensions because of the cautions and been sent off once. In my opinion, he's not served us to the best of ability," said Docherty.

"The trouble first surfaced in the pre-season Buffalo Cup when he walked off the field after an argument with the coach. He's missed training on a number of occasions and he's never phoned us to offer an excuse. And when he was dropped for our game against Ringwood Wilhelmnia at Jubilee Park earlier this year, he never turned up for the reserve game. His excuse was that he didn't know where the ground was."

"In last week's 'Soccer Action' he said that he didn't know that he was supposed to turn up to the VSF tribunal after being sent off against Croyd. That amazes me. We're talking about a man who has played over 300 games in a high level in Scotland, in his second year in Victorian soccer, and who says that he didn't know anything about having to turn up to the tribunal."

Docherty claimed that Dickson changed addresses and didn't inform Albion and that was why the club couldn't officially notify him of the need for his presence at the tribunal.

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MORWELL FALCONS 0
JUVENTUS 3 (French 45th, Cullen 54th, Bazzina o.g. 70th) at North Crinigen Reserve, Sunday.

MOREWELL FALCONS: Priest 4, Bingham 7, Irvine 7, Young 7, Train 8 - Bazzina 5, Evans 8 (in), Leckay 40th, Maclean 6, O'Callaghan 6 - Milton 6, McGuinness 6. Coach: Tony Bagg.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bannion 7, P. Bannion 7 (Geramla 80th), Dimock 7, Hind 7 - G. Bannion 6, Lloyd 7, Cullen 7, Swincoe 7, Nelson 7, French 9. Coach: John Margaritis.

Former Liverpool and South Melbourne Hellas star striker Alun Evans,

ended his season on a sad note playing for Morwell on Sunday when he broke his right leg just above the ankle in the 40th minute and was taken to hospital.

It's the first serious injury he's sustained in a senior playing career of more than 15 years and it may cast grave doubts over his desire to compete in State League next season. Evans was signed by Morwell this year from Hellas for

about \$2,000 and is reputed to be the highest paid player in State League.

And up until his severe setback, Evans was Morwell's best against third placed outfit Juventus at North Crinigen Reserve. The Latrobe Valley side made a game of it in the first half but after Evans' loss, capitulated in the second period, giving Juventus a very easy victory.

Juventus striker Graham French was in superb form

He opened his side's account and set up Robbie Cullen for the second goal. French, the former Mooroolbark, Hellas and Hakoah forward, headed in at the far post in the 45th minute following a head on at the near post from a corner kick situation.

And nine minutes into the second half it was French who robbed Morwell sweeper Eric Young and sent Cullen forward to make it 2-0. Young and his fellow defenders had pushed forward with Young in posses-

sion but the Morwell sweeper made the mistake of not playing the ball, electing to try and round French, and paid dearly.

Morwell players had their heads down for most of the second period, merely going through the motions. Juventus completed its victory in the 70th minute when Morwell youngster, midfielder Frank Bazzina, headed into his own net following a corner.

It was that kind of day for the home club.

CROYDON SECURES STATE LEAGUE CUP SPOT

NORTHCOTE 1 (Wilson 43rd)
CROYDON 3 (I. Loughane 5th, G. Macleod 20th, penalty 77th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

under the ball and didn't challenge as Gus Macleod charged in and headed home.

Croydon should have increased its lead in the 30th minute but rather than shoot, Ian Loughane elected to play the ball square to Macleod. He too played it short and eventually Northcote defender John Creany cleared.

Branko Culina, Northcote's

best, made an outstanding solo run late in the first half, beating four opponents. The former Melbourne Croatia and Blacktown winger cut the ball back to Sammy Wright who shot against the post. The rebound fell to Culina but Croydon keeper Lou Kastner did well to smother.

With two minutes remaining in this half, Northcote struck

back. Mark Wilson won the ball played it wide to Culina, and took off into the Croydon area. Culina beat a defender then hit the ball to the far side of the area where Wilson volleyed in first time, from about five metres out.

The inexperience of left back Katsakidis cost Northcote dearly in the 77th minute when the youngster's clumsy

challenge on Mark Brown earned Croydon a penalty, which was struck away by big Macleod.

Five minutes later Colin Quigley had the chance to add respect to the scoreline after Ian Dobson felled Spiro Tseros inside the area, but Quigley thumped his penalty attempt over the bar.

HAIL ALBION!

POLOANIA 1 (Marshall 39th)
ALBION ROVERS 2 (Reilly 10th, D'Sylva 30th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

right back, gave the ball away out wide and Albion's Bennie Ferrie crossed. Reilly turned well and struck the ball into the roof of the net from 15 metres for a fine goal.

Polonia stopper Danny McCluskey was unlucky minutes later when he shot against the post. Knowing McCluskey, he would have taken particular delight and he scored against his old club.

Albion went further ahead in the 30th minute after a comedy of errors in the Polonia goalmouth. From an Albion corner, Kenny Smart Bennett volleyed the rebound, Dachs tried to punch clear but only struck McCluskey on the back of the head, and the big Polonia stopper headed onto the underside of the bar. Mick D'Sylva tucked away the rebound.

Polonia hit back six minutes before half time. Joe Tronti's delicately flighted free kick picked out big Alex Marshall who turned past a defender then shot past Tom Costello.

Polonia got more into the game in the second half but Yadi Krynski and Marshall blew chances to level. Albion too created opportunities but Kenny Smart shot wide after being sent through by D'Sylva and Ron McIvor blasted over from four metres out.

It's taken time, but it's been well worth the wait for Albion Rovers fans. Now they can go and watch their side turning in consistent displays after an indifferent first half of the league season.

The Albion of today has maintained its aggressive, hard running attitude but now it benefits from regular contributions from more players, rather than just four of five which was the case in some of the British club's earlier efforts.

A regular contributor, midfielder Gerry Reilly, set Albion on its winning way against Polonia at Raleigh Reserve with a 10th minute goal. Rick Lipiarski, the Polonia

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Wilhelmina's finest one and a half hours?

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2
FAWKNER 0 at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

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RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 6, Caddie 6, Penn 8, Brooks 7, Vermeire 8, Alderson 7 (in), Lange 8th, Burton 9, Kevin Adams 6 (Bakker 6th), Thom 7, Garvey 7, Stewart 6. Coach: Rudy van Altena.

FAWKNER: Tarnini 7, Giacconi 6, Fattore 6, Koonardis 4, Sabbadini 5, Buokas 6 (F. Angello 70th), Anselmo 5, Cavalieri 5, Conzatti 5, Field 5, Schipano 5. Coach: Cedo Cirivovic.

This was one of Ringwood Wilhelmina's finest hours (should that be hour and a half?) in State League in 1983, a year in

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Wilhelmina hit front in the 18th minute when a Ken Stew-

art corner was won in the air by Neil Garvey, who headed down to Rob Terzini. The Wilhelmina striker took one touch to control then rifled the ball into the roof of the net to make it 1-0.

Ken Stewart missed from close range in the 25th minute after a quick Wilhelmina break and a Thom cross. Garvey miskicked and the ball fell for Stewart who shot wide.

Rob Terzini pulled off a fine save in the 40th minute to stop a good angled shot from Thom in the 40th minute.

Fawkner fans thought that their team was going to level a minute later after Andy Borikas sent overlapping right back Michael Giacconi

through. The Fawkner defender was tackled inside the Wilhelmina area but the referee ignored Fawkner pleas for a penalty.

Fawkner was much more determined in the second period but Wilhelmina still got forward and a Garvey thunderbolt in the 71st minute was brilliantly saved by Terzini.

However, the Fawkner goalkeeper was helpless in the 88th minute after Wilhelmina was awarded a free kick about 30 metres from goal. Defender Eddie Penn thumped his shot against the defensive wall then ran onto the rebound and drilled it past Terzini for the goal of the game.

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ton Park). Jason Schembri, 12, six goals (Broadmeadows); Bill Vasilas, Alex Christidis, six goals; Peter Pallas (Kew Park Rangers); Martin Molony, 13, six goals (Berwick City); Chris Lemmon, Rory McIntyre, Craig Cameron, Michael Taylor, Craig Butler, David Spence, Andrew Vose, Steven Ogden, four goals; Charles Langford (Karingal United); Leon Torquero, 10 (Melton); Brett Taber, four goals; Glen Stefanie, Lorentz Kindner, John Tzavardis, D. DeLoBade, six goals (Sunshine Heights); Jimmy Athanasiadis (Traralgon Olympians); Damiir Grilic (Footscray J.U.S.T.); Oliver Pendeljak, Tony Gorgajewski, Krunoslav Razov, Tomislav Pendeljak (St Albans Dinamo).

Pictured above is the South Melbourne Hellas under-11 outfit which won the Central League championship.

Back row: D. Kalafitidis (coach), S. Argirou, T. Xidias, L. Katsoulis, G. Katsoulis, K. Volaris, A. Keri, C. Karagiannis, P. Keri (team manager), J. Armstrong (assistant coach).

Front row: B. Stafillis, G. Bitsakis, J. Neofotistos, L. Armstrong, L. Nicolaidis, C. Moraitis.

Missing: J. Ferotzenis.

Kew City will protest over its 1-0 Harry Armstrong Cup loss to Doveton at Waratah Reserve on Saturday.

Kew officials claim that Genghis Hulusi played for the Doves and that he wasn't listed on the official team sheet. We've seen a copy of the team sheet and Hulusi's name isn't on it, so Kew now must prove that the young midfielder or defender played in the match.

If the Metro First Division club can prove its case then the result will not stand and Kew will advance to the next round of the reserves cup.

Meanwhile, the Metro Third Division championship was settled in front of a huge crowd at Caulfield on Saturday with the home team convincingly accounting for Eltham 3-1 with former Western Suburbs winger George Theoharidis in scintillating form.

The win gave Caulfield the title by pushing it a point ahead of rival South Oakleigh. These Greek sponsored clubs repeated their league finishes of 1982 when they dominated Fourth Division and both outfits will make a concerted bid for inclusion in State League next year.

The Metro Fourth Division championship battle still has to be decided. Corio, currently lying in 5th place, has a game in hand, against Hawthorn. A win to Corio will give it the championship on goal difference over present leader and rival Geelong-based club, Hamlyn Rangers. Hawthorn currently is second bottom so Corio has every reason to feel confident that it can win the title.

ELTHAM: Graham 9, Alderson 9, M. Cirka 9, Garthwaite 9, Hedic 8, Lewis 8, Herman 9, Raynes 8, Briggs 8, P. Cullen 9, G. Cullen 9.

SUBURBS: Johnson, Borg, Mathews, Howe, Dimovak, Esposito, Dilbert, Mussola, Gil-mour, Papachristopoulos, Farmer.

The Redbacks pulled off one of the surprises of the season when they defeated Division One champion Western Suburbs in the Metro League Cup at Nth Eltham last Sunday.

Showing no ill effects from their arduous game against Catfield the previous day the Redbacks took the game right up to Wests and there was no fluke about their win. They went ahead in the 25th minute when the visitors' defence failed to clear a Peter Cirka free-kick and Freddy Vanderslik was on hand to score from close range. Wests hit back but the Redback defence had an answer to their every move.

Eltham sealed the game in the 78th minute when they were awarded a penalty and Mark Lewis did the job in his usual efficient manner, his 8th successful penalty try of the season.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CUP
ELTHAM 2 (Vanderslik 25th, Lewis penalty 78th)
WESTERN SUBURBS 0

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP
ABBOTSFORD 0 BULLEN-VENETO 1 (Boarotto 71st)

BULLEN-VENETO: D. Poropoi 6, W. Finardi 6, E. Boin 6, P. Cassal, (in), 15th, C. Monaguzzi, 6, F. Barbieri 6, D. Sutherland 7, C. Greer 7, J. Dimitriou 5, L. Boarotto 6, S. Batsanin 6, J. Michaloudakis 6.

ABBOTSFORD: M. Hana, A. Wamnos, R. Harnoud, P. Yaso, P. Papadinos, Y. Alamed, A. Elmo-

SELECTIONS

METRO LEAGUE CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
 (This Saturday, 8.30pm)
 HAWTHORN v THOMASTOWN, FRANKSTON PINES v ENUNYATON CITY, KNOX CITY v FOOTSCRAY, HEDDLETON v RYDAL RICHMOND.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
 (Saturday October 8, 8.30pm)
 NORTHCOTE CITY v Waverley City, MELBOURNE CROATIA v Geelong Gully, DOVETON v THOMASTOWN, AL JUVETUS v Greenborough.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
SENIOR CUP
 (This Saturday, 8.30pm)
 UNIV OF MELBOURNE v Boroona Springs United v SOUTH AFRICAN, MORIALLOC v Dallas City, BULLEN v Cheltenham.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
RESERVE CUP
 (This Saturday, 8.30pm)
 BRUNSWICK CITY v Mordialloc, Langwarrin v BERNWICK CITY, Carlton v YARRAVILLE, MORIALLOC v East Brunswick, K.D. 1pm.

AMATEUR LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
 Sunday: POSTEL INSTITUTE v Endeavour Hill, CHARTERED v Epping North, MACDONALD v Melbourne Uni, BUNDOORA v Essau Utd, BALWYN CITY v Vermont, Asot Utd v WEST-ALL, BALACAVA v Nth Melbourne.

DIVISION TWO
 Sunday: MULGRAVE v Philip Utd, Mordialloc v BMT, STI PARADISE v St Bernard, Kyoog 5th Style v Waverley Utd (Adelaide), Canoro v ASCOT VALE CITY, BAXTER v West Utd.

Five minutes later, Bastasin stole a back-pass but shot over the cross-bar from inside the area.

The second half saw Bullen-Veneto still attacking but no goal was forthcoming.

Finally, in the 71st minute Boarotto latched onto a long ball from Finardi and from a solo ran slotted in from inside the area.

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CLUB CLOSE-UP

CAULFIELD CITY

Victorian Third Division champion



Caulfield City, from left, back row; Paul Anagnostopoulos (team manager), Dimos Koulakas, Tom Patsakos, Laurie Peressonis, George Meletis, Tom Talidis, Laurie Petrou, Nick Tyrkos, Tony Tolos, Taki Svingos. (Coach).

Front row: George Theoharidis, Peter Tsitiridis, Melis Theoharidis, Steve Lambropoulos, Louie Sakkas, John Bitsonis, Colin Allison, Anestis Triantafyllidis, George Skamatelos, John Topalidis.
Inset: Con Sidiropoulos. Missing: Greg Daglis.

For the second successive year Caulfield City Soccer Club has won a championship, topping the Victorian Metropolitan League's Third Division, after winning the Fourth Division championship last season.

The club's rapid rise is well recognised in V.S.F. circles, and there is every possibility that it could be rewarded by promotion to First Division in the forthcoming reshuffle.

The success we have achieved is due in no small measure to the way the committee has handled affairs and the

President's message

hard work put in by a lot of our members. This is reflected in the fact that our membership has doubled in the past year and now stands at 350.

Underpinning the success of the seniors and ensuring our future success we have approximately 120 boys playing every week in our junior teams, in age groups ranging from Under 11 to Under 16.

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I am delighted with the success we have enjoyed in the past two seasons and feel that it is only a stepping stone to even bigger and better things.

On behalf of the committee I wish to express our deep felt appreciation of the work of our coach, players and supporters, in bringing us this success.

DAVID JAMES (PRESIDENT)

ROMANI LA SAFE ANO LUNGA

Gli antichi romani, gente con molto senso pratico, conquistarono e dominarono il mondo per secoli anche perché sapevano mantenere il senso delle proporzioni.

Un esempio di questo ci viene dal rituale del "trionfo", la massima onorificenza accordata ad un condottiero vittorioso. Naturalmente quando c'era da sollevare il morale del popolo e da stuzzicare il suo senso patriottico, un "condottiero vittorioso" lo si inventava e il popolo, che a quei tempi naturalmente non aveva né la televisione né la radio per sapere esattamente cosa succedeva intorno al mondo, assistendo al corteo del trionfo si convinceva che l'esercito romano continuava a conquistare nazioni e si faceva invadere da quel senso di orgoglio e di patriottismo che aiutava a risolvere le sorti dell'impero. Però, sia se il "condottiero vittorioso" fosse vero o fasullo, assieme a lui sul cocchio trionfale che avanzava fra due ali di folla plaudente c'era un tizio che gli reggeva sulla testa una corona di alloro e, di tanto in tanto, gli diceva a bassa voce una filastrocca per ricordargli di non prendere il trionfo troppo sul

serio perché alla fin dei conti era un uomo più o meno come gli altri. I romani avevano scoperto fin da allora che il successo e il riconoscimento pubblico possono dare facilmente alla testa. I secoli da allora ad adesso sono cosparsi di esempi del genere che hanno fatto storia, ma anche nella vita di ogni giorno vediamo continuamente persone che non sanno adattarsi al successo e se ne fanno ubriacare al punto di perdere completamente la prospettiva della situazione in cui si sono venute a trovare. Uno dei sintomi di questo stato di ubriachezza è credere che le guerre le vincono i generali da soli e che i soldati erano lì solo a fare le comparse, ci si convince anche che la campagna preparatoria, le attività di pattuglia e il bombardamento prima dell'attacco non hanno nulla a che vedere con la vittoria finale. Chi pianta la bandiera sulla posizione da conquistare crede di aver fatto tutto da solo e vuole

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il trionfo tutto per sé e cerca anche di negare o di sminuire il contributo altrui. La cosa si applica anche a pannello sulla scena calcistica locale dove la mancanza di conoscenza da parte del pubblico è quasi uguale a quella del popolino romano di tempi antichi: a quei tempi non c'era la televisione, ai nostri tempi ci sono tutti i mezzi di informazione ma tante volte certe cose non si dicono per amor di patria e perché c'è sempre quella tendenza a credere che un "condottiero fasullo" (a un gruppo di loro) in trionfo fa un tale effetto sul popolo che l'entusiasmo generale che ne deriva metterebbe a posto le cose. Però non intendendo ne fare il "mea culpa", ne tantomeno accusare colleghi della

stampa e degli organi di informazione di complicità con certi condottieri, voglio semplicemente ricordare ai dirigenti in trionfo che l'attuale stato di grazia non è necessariamente il risultato diretto della loro capacità, che i successi si costruiscono su un arco di anni anche se appaiono manifesti tutto di colpo, che la fortuna ha sempre la sua parte nei trionfi, che la sfortuna ha la sua parte nelle sconfitte, che il condottiero ha sempre bisogno dei suoi soldati per riuscire, che nessuno è indispensabile al punto che gli altri debbono accondiscendere a tutti i suoi capricci.

Come l'inserviente sul cocchio del condottiero in trionfo, per questa volta parlo a bassa voce e in parabola, sperando che i condottieri ai quali mi riferisco capiscano la morale, senza costringere un parlare ad alta voce che farebbe perdere l'entusiasmo e la fede del popolo che assiste e, in un certo senso, completa il trionfo.

IL VICTORIA HA MOSTRATO MATURETÀ

La regionalizzazione della lega nazionale è ormai cosa fatta, anche se alcuni dettagli debbono ancora essere discussi fra le varie autorità calcistiche; a novembre si sapranno anche i nomi delle squadre di lega statale che faranno il salto nella massima divisione nazionale. Di sicuro a questo proposito si può soltanto dire che nel Victoria saranno "promosse" Croatia e Juventus; il Green Gully, specialmente se vince il campionato per la terza volta consecutiva, deve essere considerato un candidato di tutto rispetto. La quarta poltrona potrebbe andare al George Cross (specialmente se il Green Gully dovesse essere scartato), oppure al Polonia, al Croydon o al Fawknor (specialmente se riesce a fare la fusione con il Thomastown).

Adesso che le cose sono andate per il verso giusto ci sentiamo in dovere di far risalire il ruolo positivo che ha avuto la federazione calcistica in tutta la faccenda. Come tutte le federazioni statali il Victoria in tutta la faccenda. Come tutte le federazioni statali il Victoria era contrario all'allargamento della lega nazionale perché avrebbe dissanguato irrimediabilmente la lega statale. Ma, a differenza della federazione del N.S.W. che rifiutava cecamente l'esistenza della luce del sole, quella del Victoria aveva assunto un atteggiamento razionale ed aveva cercato il dialogo per trovare la soluzione migliore. Era ovvio per molti che la decisione doveva segnare la fine della lega nazionale (se negativa) o quella della lega statale (se positiva) come se le due competizioni non solo fossero due sport diversi, ma addirittura concorrenti l'uno con l'altro. Il Victoria ha avuto il buon senso, e il coraggio date le circostanze, di ammettere che la lega nazionale e la lega statale erano competizioni DELLO STESSO SPORT e che pertanto dovevano trovare il modo di coesistere e di cooperare per il bene dello sport calcistico che rischiava di rimanere vittima di certe beghe. Con il N.S.W. contro a spada tratta, tanto che voleva

rimischiare le carte anche dopo che un accordo di massima era già stato raggiunto, e con gli altri stati che potevano fare solo da comparse e schierarsi assieme ai due colossi, il Victoria è stato quello che ha offerto suggerimenti, ha chiesto ed ottenuto certe garanzie, ha protetto i piccoli club contro l'eccesso che i grandi club avrebbero messo in atto ed è riuscito ad unificare così il calcio nazionale che dalla prossima stagione avrà un grone nazionale non più a sé, come ad esempio la V.F.L., ma direttamente collegato con il resto dei tornei statali e meglio, per essere stati i principali organi di informazione amministrativa che della competizione. Non possiamo quindi dare atto ai dirigenti della federazione del Victoria di essere stati i principali responsabili della equa decisione, ne tantomeno possiamo sorvolare sul fatto che durante l'intero delicato periodo di trattative a capo della federazione del Victoria si è vergato a trovare il nostro Vito Giarro che aveva ricoperto la carica di "Chairman" ad interim a causa della protrattata assenza dell'incompiuto Weinstein il quale, assoluta coincidenza, si è rimesso ed ha ripreso il suo posto la settimana scorsa a trattative praticamente completate. Claiuro non sarà l'uomo più popolare negli ambienti del calcio locale principalmente perché non è un uomo di facili entusiasmi né partigiano al punto che dovrebbe avere contro gli interessi della sua carica per fare il bello e il cattivo tempo a sfaciatore favore della squadra che lo manda? inizialmente in federazione, la Juventus. Non è nemmeno un uomo dagli atteggiamenti teatrali e dalle prese di posizione plateali. Fa il suo lavoro secondo un programma morale molto preciso; piuttosto che prendere posizioni nettamente a favore o a sfavore di una tale cosa preferisce lasciare le porte aperte e fare spirito di convizione; non solo ha la bocca per parlare, ma fortunatamente anche le orecchie per ascoltare. Non farà mai colpi di testa, non si dimetterà mai in segno di protesta contro qualcosa che per lui è sbagliata, non sarà mai il fautore di idee rivoluzionarie, non prenderà mai parte a fazioni di alcun genere e quindi non ha alcuna delle caratteristiche che lo renderebbero molto, anche se temporaneamente, popolare. Ma in compenso ha lavorato a continuare a lavorare lentamente ma positivamente per il bene del calcio locale. E, giudicato sull'arco di diversi anni, il suo contributo al calcio australiano appare determinato già da ora e molto più costruttivo di quello di tanti dirigenti "popolari" che hanno fatto dei fuochi di paglia in cui hanno bruciato se stessi e scottato tutto l'apparato della sport calcistico.

ULTIMA "CHANCE" PER LA JUVENTUS

La Juventus domenica ha battuto con relativa facilità il Morwell anche senza Incantalupo e Zinni. La squadra ha girato bene ed ha fatto del bel gioco, tanto da farsi ap-

plaudire dallo sportivo pubblico italiano di Morwell. L'infortunio a Zinni è molto meno grave di quello che sembrava all'inizio, invece della slogatura della spalla si tratta solo di una grave contusione, ed il ragazzo dovrebbe essere in grado di giocare nuovamente nella prossima partita. Fabio Incantalupo, oltre la possibilità di ricevere qualche giornata di squalifica, entrerà in ospedale questa settimana per una piccola operazione al dito di una mano e non giocherà domenica, ma sarà nuovamente disponibile per la competizione "top four" di fine stagione. E' questa l'unica occasione rimasta alla Juventus per vincere qualcosa in quest'annata di grazia dopo aver perso il campionato per una serie di circostanze non del tutto fortuite ed essere stata eliminata dalla Docherty Cup. Il Fawknor da parte sua è andato a perdere con il modestissimo Ringwood. Gli infortuni che hanno nuovamente colpito il club azzurro più il senso di rilassamento dopo esser rimasto tagliato fuori dalla quarta posizione, hanno ovviamente contribuito al risultato inaspettato ed i giocatori schierati hanno, inconsciamente, deciso di finire il campionato con un paio di settimane in anticipo. Nell'analisi del comportamento del Fawknor in questo campionato, indubbiamente positivo nonostante alcuni risultati parziali, bisogna tener presente che la maggior parte dei giocatori stanno giocando ininterrottamente da due anni. Tutto il campionato dell'anno scorso il Fawknor fu la squadra da battere, e la trionfante della prima divisione, quindi ogni settimana era una battaglia.

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Rummenigge, Zico outshine Cruyff



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Zico, and Ajax star Jesper Olsen dominated European headlines at the weekend, while Johan Cruyff was left licking his wounds.

Zico, the Brazilian international, repaid another chunk of the \$4 million Udinese paid Flamengo for him, when he took his goal tally to four in two games in the Italian First Division.

Zico, who scored twice against Genoa in the debut last Sunday, struck another double as Udinese continued its winning ways with a 3-1 home win over newly-promoted Catania.

Rummenigge meanwhile, scored three goals to help Bayern Munich beat Mannheim 6-0 and retain Bundesliga leadership in West Germany. His younger brother, Michael, also scored as did Wolfgang Dremmler and Calle Del'Haye.

Olsen, the Danish international of Ajax Amsterdam, inspired a crushing 8-2 victory over Feyenoord in Holland.

Johan Cruyff, 36, the former Ajax star, made his first appearance in a Feyenoord shirt.

Olsen crowned a superb display in front of a 39,000 crowd in Amsterdam's Olympic Stadium with two brilliant goals.

Leading 3-2 and defending against pressure, Ajax suddenly snapped to attention and scored five goals in the last half hour. The result takes Ajax two points clear at the top, with 13 points from seven matches, while Feyenoord drops to third place behind Roda.

Zico's effort put Udinese on top of the Italian league on goal difference, above defending champion AS Roma, the only other team with a 100 per cent record after two games.

Roma beat Sampdoria 2-1, thanks to a late goal from Francesco Graziani, while Danish teenager Michael Laudrup, on loan from Juventus, scored one of Lazio's goals in a 3-0 thrashing of Inter-nazionale.

Juventus meanwhile was held to a scoreless draw by Pisa. Bayern Munich remains a point ahead of German champion Hamburg which thrashed bottom-placed Offenbach Kickers 6-0.

Dieter Schatzschneider and Wolfgang Roff scored two each for Hamburg, while Michael Schroeder and Jimmy Hartwig got the other two.

Newly-promoted Bayer Uerdingen remains in third place with a 2-1 victory over Bayer Leverkusen.

A gleam of light appeared at last for LFC Koeln which recently parted company with Dutch coach Rinus Michels after months of squabbling.

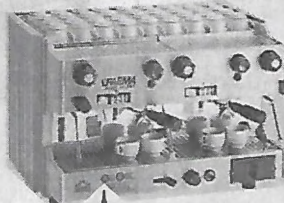
Former international striker Klaus Fischer scored two goals and Pierre Littbarski added another in Koeln's 3-0 win against Bochum.

Kaiserslautern hammered Fortuna Duesseldorf 5-2, with goals by Andreas Brehmer, Hannes Bongartz, Hans-Peter Briegel, Thomas Allofs and Swedish player Tobias Nilsson.

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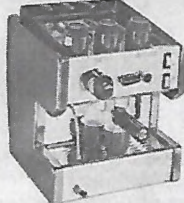
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 θα παλ καὶ ἐνὸς τοῦ σφῆρος 0-0 καὶ συγκεν-
 μένα νὰ ληστέισι αὐτὸ τοῦ... ὧλην ἐξέ-
 ρῶσι» τὸ «ἔλαβον γιὰ νὰ παῖζει ἐναντὶ καὶ
 νὰ παῖζει τὴν ἰσχυρίαν ἀπὸ τὸ ἑλῶναι μὲ
 τὴν ἰσχυρίαν καὶ ἔχοναι καὶ τὸ πρῶτον...
 Τὸ ἴδιον ὅσον ὅταν σφοδρῶσι τὸ ἑλῶναι
 ἔχοναι τὸ ἐν ἐλῶναι καὶ πρὶν.
 Τὸ «ἔλῶναι καὶ» ὁμοιοφῶναι ἐν λείπει ἀ-
 ποκαὶ ἐπὶ τῶν περὶ τῶν ἐλῶναι ἐλῶναι ἐλῶναι
 ἀποκαὶ καὶ καὶ νὰ σπῆται καὶ καὶ τὸ
 ὅσον καὶ νὰ κάνει ἐλῶναι τὸ ὅσον τὸ
 ἑλῶναι καὶ τὸ ἑλῶναι τὸ ὅσον τὸ
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Previous results

'77.....	0-0
'78.....	2-0
'79.....	5-1
'80.....	5-3
'81.....	
'82.....	2-2



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'78.....	0-2
'79.....	3-4
'80.....	0-2
'81.....	5-0
'82.....	2-2



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